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A race fan waves a Boston Strong flag as runners compete in the 118th Boston Marathon on Monday in Hopkinton, Mass.

GI who may have killed Pat Tillman haunted by remorse

By PARESH DAVE
Los Angeles Times

Ten years after Pat Tillman's death by friendly fire, it's still not certain who shot the NFL player-turned-Army corporal in Afghanistan. But one of the three Army Rangers who opened fire says he can't shake the fact that he might be at fault.

"It would be disingenuous for me to say there is no way my rounds didn't kill him, because my rounds very well could have," Steven Elliott said in an interview with ESPN that aired Sunday. Elliott, discussing the incident in the media for the first time, said he has been able to cope with the April 22, 2004, tragedy because of therapy. He said he was speaking out because he wanted

'Even if somebody else was identified through forensic science as to have fired the 'fatal shot,' that doesn't change how I feel.'

Steven Elliott
one of three Army Rangers who opened fire on Pat Tillman's position

to give hope to other soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Elliott said the incident was his first firefight. Months later, he and the others who mistakenly fired at Tillman were demoted

out of the elite Rangers unit.

"Even if somebody else was identified through forensic science as to have fired the 'fatal shot,' that doesn't change how I feel," Elliott said in the interview. "I still fired on a friendly position and that wouldn't change my sense of responsibility."

Elliott, now 33, left the Army in 2007. He told ESPN that he hasn't spoken to the two other soldiers involved since early on. They declined to comment to ESPN.

Elliott also hasn't spoken to Tillman's family.

Asked what he would say to them if he did get the opportunity, Elliott replied, "You just want to tell them how sorry you are and how completely inadequate those words feel."

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Powers of perception

China's growing military fuels US allies' worries

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — China's recent announcement that it would increase defense spending by 12.2 percent in 2014 is making some American allies nervous in a region where perception matters and the possible flashpoints are numerous.

Those countries, mainly Japan and the Philippines, have come to rely on the U.S. military for protection from

ANALYSIS a neighbor who seems set on creating instability by expanding and intensifying territorial claims to disputed waterways, airways and islands in the Pacific.

Those actions — coupled with U.S. plans to scale back military spending for the next several years — have led to the perception that China is rising as the U.S. slips. That perception may be even more important in countries sitting on the fence, like Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and Myanmar, which only recently started backing off from its close ties with China.

In reality, America's \$495.6 billion defense budget dwarfs the \$132 billion in spending planned by China this year, but some lawmakers in the region find little comfort in that fact, analysts say.

"It will take China a long, long time before its budgets will effectively alter the military balance with the U.S.," said Jonathan Holslag of the Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies. "But that's not the main concern. While the U.S. still has some scope to respond, neighbors are getting much more nervous... Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines all know that they could be the first victim if the balance of power shifts at America's detriment."

In recent months, China has done its best to look like the bully on the block.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You bring up the word 'Vietnam' and they start to get upset. About something like that, I'm afraid they'd go ballistic."

— William Smith III, on his plan not to tell family members that when the remains of his father were turned over to investigators in Vietnam in 1999, a portion belonged to an indigenous Southeast Asian

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The grounding of Joshua Wilson

AF pilot's career stalled after he spoke out about F-22's oxygen issues

By BILL BARTEL

The (Norfolk) Virginian Pilot

The Air Force has spent tens of millions of dollars over the past two years correcting problems with its premier jet fighter — issues that Capt. Joshua Wilson helped expose by speaking up, both to his bosses and on national television.

Since then, Wilson's career as an F-22 Raptor pilot has stalled. A member of the Virginia Air National Guard's 149th Fighter Squadron, Wilson hasn't been permitted to fly the jet since early 2012. He's fighting disciplinary actions that he sees as retribution for going public.

"I'm a fighter pilot. I worked my entire life to get in the cockpit and to that job," said Wilson, 37. "Right now, I'm fighting the Air Force when I should be fighting our enemies."

Almost two years ago, Wilson and Maj. Jeremy Gordon told CBS's "60 Minutes" that the F-22 had a defective oxygen system that was endangering pilots.

The veteran aviators shared their personal accounts of mid-flight oxygen deprivation that left them disoriented. Other pilots had similar life-threatening experiences but were reluctant to speak publicly, they said.

The Pentagon's top brass took notice.

Then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta demanded that Air Force leaders accelerate their efforts to fix the problem. Members of Congress weighed in, too.

Back at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia Air National Guard leaders were also taking action. Even before the "60 Minutes" segment aired in May 2012, the squadron's leadership began a series of punitive measures against Wilson.

In April 2012, they stopped his planned promotion to major, and they threatened to take away his wings, jeopardizing his military career. They also forced him out of his full-time desk job with the Air Force's Air Combat Command at Langley.

During that time, Wilson alerted the Department of Defense's office of inspector general, which



PAUL KELLY/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

A U.S. Air Force F-22A Raptor aircraft assigned to the 27th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron flies during an air defense exercise in the Philippine Sea on Sept. 24, 2013. Capt. Joshua Wilson says his career has suffered since he publicly raised concerns about the jets' oxygen system.

is investigating. He and his lawyers say the Virginia Air National Guard's actions are reprisal for speaking out.

Cotton Puryear, a Virginia National Guard spokesman, declined to discuss the actions against Wilson. Guard leaders are waiting for the inspector general's probe to be completed before they "take appropriate action to resolve any outstanding issues," Puryear wrote.

Wilson said he has refused overtures from his leaders to walk away. He wants a chance to clear his reputation and get back in the cockpit.

"If you guys can prove I'm a bad officer, kick me out of the military," he said. "If not, let me get back to my job. Let me get back to what I love to do, what I'm good at and what I trained my entire life to do."

'This is reprisal'

U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., an Air National Guard pilot, said he believes Wilson is being punished both for speaking out and for aggressively pushing internally to solve equipment problems.

"I have no doubt that this is reprisal," said Kinzinger, who attended officer training with Wilson a dozen years ago and helped arrange the "60 Minutes" interview. "There's no excuse for what's happened."

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., has also pressed the Air Force to

fix the plane and is critical of how Wilson has been treated.

Warner said Wilson's treatment doesn't necessarily constitute reprisal.

"But I am going to say something doesn't smell right when the Air Force has had to acknowledge there's a problem and takes a fix," he said. "And somebody is still hanging out two years later with his career in jeopardy."

The F-22, which entered active service in 2007, was plagued with problems with its oxygen system. Pilots reported hypoxia-like symptoms, including becoming disoriented, nauseous and extremely fatigued. In November 2010, an Alaska-based Raptor crashed, killing the pilot, after the plane's oxygen system malfunctioned.

Wilson's firsthand experience came on Feb. 16, 2011, when he became so disoriented while flying off the Virginia coast that he was unaware his hand movement on the controls was causing his plane to rock. He had unknowingly changed his radio frequency so ground control couldn't reach him, and he couldn't read his own writing. Sensing he was having a problem, he tried to find the emergency oxygen supply ring he knew was on the left side of his seat. In his bewildered state, he couldn't find it.

When he finally engaged the backup air supply, Wilson's head cleared, and he landed at Langley. Afterward, he suffered severe

headaches, vertigo and bouts of exhaustion.

A few months later, the Air Force grounded the entire Raptor fleet.

When the F-22 was cleared to fly again in September 2011, the Air Force had added a charcoal filter to the breathing system in the hopes of trapping contaminants. That fix appears to have prevented new problems.

In the months that followed, pilots discovered the filters were releasing charcoal dust inside their oxygen hoses. The result, according to a letter Wilson's lawyer sent to the inspector general: coughing, fits and other respiratory ailments.

Members of the squadron, including Wilson, told their commander they wanted to fly without the filter but were informed that anyone who refused would face disciplinary action.

After about 40 hours of flying with the filter, Wilson developed an "uncontrollable cough, dry, scratchy, sore throat and the inability to take a deep breath," he said in a memo sent to Col. David Nardi, then commander of the 192nd Operations Group.

Feeling that not all pilots were reporting problems with the Raptor, a small group of officers at Langley — including Wilson and medical personnel — developed a confidential survey for F-22 pilots. They wanted to learn more details about symptoms of oxygen deprivation from aviators, who are generally reluctant to discuss health problems that might ground them. Before it could be administered, the survey was rejected by Virginia Air National Guard and Air Force leaders.

The Air Force says it has significantly addressed the Raptor's oxygen system problems, and it notes there haven't been any unexplained physiological incidents in more than two years. It is installing a new backup emergency oxygen system in the Raptor that starts automatically when sensing a pilot is having trouble.

The system has been installed in 20 of Langley's 46 Raptors. All are expected to be upgraded by September.

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Tillman: Survivor not ready to forgive troops in shooting

FROM FRONT PAGE

Hindered by a setting sun and weak radio reception in a mountainous area, two caravans of soldiers fired upon each other after one of the groups was ambushed. Elliott said he followed the lead of his commander and fired at shadowy figures on a hillside. Those shadowy figures turned out to be Tillman, Bryan O'Neal and an Afghan contractor, who was also killed.

Tillman and his companions had been firing at an enemy position, but Elliott's truck of soldiers misinterpreted the gunfire, Army investigators determined.

O'Neal told ESPN in a televised interview that he wasn't ready to think about or to forgive the Rangers who fired at him and Tillman.

"To forgive them would mean I have to acknowledge they exist, and to me, they are nothing. All of them," he said. "Their lack of taking that five seconds to really understand what they are shooting at — two people died and it changed my life."

Tillman, an NFL defensive back, was celebrated as a hero after declining a contract extension from the Arizona Cardinals to join the Army eight months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Tillman's patrol was charged with killing or capturing suspected "high-value" Taliban and al-Qaida targets along the border with Pakistan. He had conducted previous patrols in the Spera dis-

trict, and in one village, he became known as the soldier who handed out small sums of cash — \$2 for children and \$10 for men — and small, hand-cranked radios.

His death at age 27 drew national attention, and he was hailed as a hero who had been killed by enemy fire.

After a month, however, the

Army disclosed he had been killed accidentally by U.S. troops.

Now, Tillman's widow, Marie Tillman, runs a foundation in his name that awards education scholarships to veterans. In an interview with the Arizona Republic, Marie Tillman said this month that she's found a balance in her life. She has remarried but said

Pat's legacy is always close by.

"The impact of his decisions and the way he lived his life and just ... who he was, affected many, many people," Marie Tillman said. "(But) I can still have my relationship with him and my feelings about the impact that his life had on me and sort of bring all those things together."



Pat Tillman

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Yemen: 55 militants killed in airstrikes

SANAA, Yemen — Yemen's interior ministry said 55 al-Qaida militants were killed in an hours-long series of strikes on a training camp operated by the group in the country's south.

The statement Monday said three senior members were among those killed, without elaborating. It said the identification process for those killed is continuing.

The operation, which kicked off Sunday and is believed to have involved U.S. drones, targeted a sprawling training camp of al-Qaida in the rugged mountains of Mahfad between Abyan, Shabwa and al-Bayda provinces.

Changes planned due to nuclear force cheating

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The nation's land-based nuclear force commander said changes are being made in the wake of a cheating scandal at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana.

Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, who leads the 20th Air Force, which responsible for 450 intercontinental ballistic missiles in Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota, told the Wyoming Tribune Eagle a number of reforms are underway at the three bases.

Previously, airmen needed to score 90 percent or better on the tests to keep their certification. The Air Force is moving to a pass/fail system that Weinstein said he hopes will relieve pressure on airmen who aim for perfect scores.

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By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

Remains from an indigenous Southeast Asian were buried with those of an Army Reserve pilot from the Vietnam War at Arlington National Cemetery, America's shrine for its fallen heroes.

According to internal POW/MIA documents, when the remains of Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Smith Jr. were turned over to investigators in Vietnam in 1999, a portion belonged to someone else.

Central Identification Laboratory documents stated that the unrelated remains had been identified and segregated from those of the pilot and that only Smith's remains were shipped to Arlington for burial.

However, an internal memo from the laboratory obtained by Stars and Stripes said that did not happen.

After a ceremony that included a slow march, a horse-drawn caisson and a lone bugler, Smith was buried with foreign remains.

Laboratory anthropologist Gwen Guinan wrote in the internal memo that "subsequent to the shipment and the burial" it was discovered that a fragment of a leg bone that should have been separated from Smith's remains "had been inadvertently included." The memo, addressed to "record" and included in Smith's case file, was dated Sept. 20, 2000, 12 days after Smith was buried.

No details were available on how the error was discovered or whether there is protocol that should have been followed after the discovery.

"That was a long time ago," Guinan, who now goes by Haugen, wrote in an email to Stars and Stripes. "Unfortunately, I am unable to comment."

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command officials, who now oversee the identification laboratory, declined to comment. Officials from the Office of the Secretary of Defense also declined to comment. Arlington Cemetery officials said they received a sealed casket and followed the protocol in interring it.

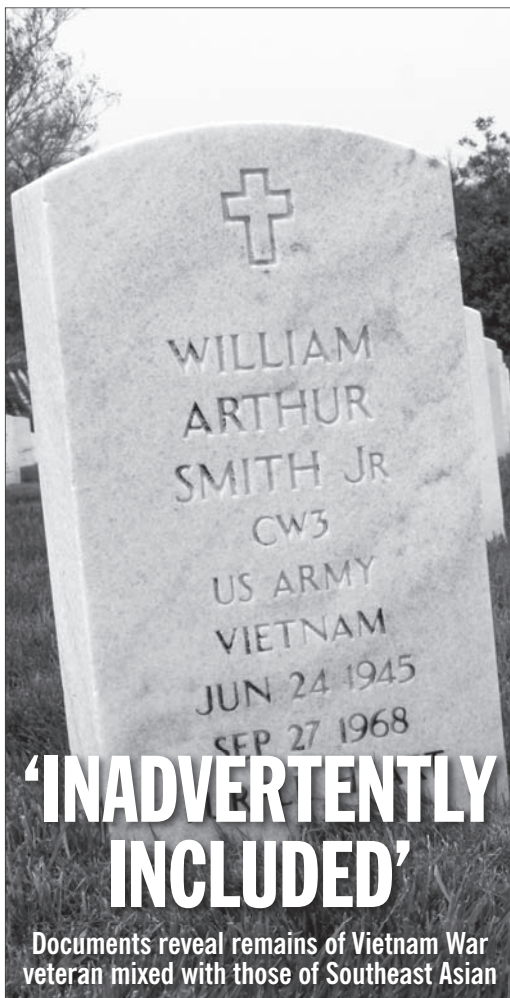
"According to our records, we received the remains of CW03 William A. Smith, Jr. in a sealed casket," Arlington spokeswoman Jennifer Lynch wrote in a statement to Stars and Stripes. "Arlington National Cemetery interred the sealed remains in Section 66, Grave 6129, and appropriately marked the grave with a government headstone, bearing CW03 Smith's name."

Smith's son, William "Bill" Smith III, told Stars and Stripes that the family was never told of the mistake. "It doesn't make me feel real good, but that was 13½ years ago," Smith said, referring to his father's burial. He said he had no plans to tell his father's surviving family, which includes a brother and a sister.

"You bring up the word 'Vietnam' and they start to get upset. About something like that, I'm afraid they'd go ballistic." Smith believes the laboratory employees named in the documents — many who head the organization today — were cutting corners by not verifying that the separation had taken place before signing documents.

This is the latest blemish on the Defense Department's accounting apparatus, and the latest in a string of embarrassments for JPAC and its laboratory. Just last month, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced he was reforming the Defense Department's accounting operations after an internal review found them rife with mismanagement, waste and incompetence.

"You take care of the people who gave their lives to this country and you take



'INADVERTENTLY INCLUDED'

Documents reveal remains of Vietnam War veteran mixed with those of Southeast Asian

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Chief Warrant Officer 3 William Arthur Smith Jr. is interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

care of their families," Hagel said in announcing the reorganization.

Dedicated to serving US William Smith Jr. was born to a military family in Georgia on June 24, 1945, at the tail end of World War II. During his youth, the son of an Army captain bounced around between locales like Germany before settling in for his teenage years in Battle Creek, Mich., according to his son.

Smith was outgoing, laid back and very difficult to anger, family members told his son, who was born after his father's death.

On Dec. 22, 1967, Smith married Leslie Kay Harding, the son said. She quickly became pregnant.

The Army pilot dreamed of the day

after his service was complete, when he could raise his son and care for his younger brother while making a living as a pilot for a major airline.

Due to injuries received during his first tour in Vietnam, Smith had an out for not going back, but he didn't take it.

"That is how dedicated he was to the service of the country," his son said.

He told his wife he wanted to be buried at Arlington if something happened.

On Sept. 27, 1968, the 23-year-old warrant officer commanded a UH-1D Huey helicopter on a mission over Kien Hoa province, South Vietnam, according to the internal laboratory documents. Lt. Quentin Hurst, Spc. 4 Kevin Green and Pvt. Jeffrey Niles were also onboard when the helicopter was struck by enemy

ground fire as it approached the My Tho River. The helicopter crashed in flames.

Within minutes, U.S. patrol boats were on the scene, according to the documents. They found an oil slick in the area where the helicopter had entered the water, along with scattered aircraft debris and three flight helmets.

Two days later, the bodies of Hurst, Green and Niles were found floating in the vicinity of the crash site. No sign of Smith was found, and he was listed as missing in action.

According to his son, Smith's wife held out hope that he was alive for years. Some in his family swore he was alive, based on persistent rumors that Smith was a prisoner of war.

The accounting organizations gave family members just enough information to keep them at bay, Smith's son said, but never enough to make them whole.

"I had more questions than answers," he said.

A military review board pronounced Smith dead Oct. 29, 1976. A funeral was held and a marker placed in the ground next to family in Augusta, Ga.

In 1993, a joint U.S./Socialist Republic of Vietnam team traveled to the area of Smith's loss, looking for witnesses to the crash, but found none, according to documents.

Another joint team traveled to My Tho City in Tien Giang province, which is north of the former Kien Hoa province, in 1999. They spoke with three informants who said they had recovered remains and artifacts from a river while salvaging metal in 1976 or 1977. They took investigators to a site near the coordinates on file for the crash. The remains were handed over to Vietnamese officials and repatriated to the United States on May 5, 1999.

Two sets of remains

Central Identification Laboratory officials quickly realized there were two sets of remains in what they were given.

The remains included fragments of right and left pelvic bones, three fragments of left femur, a left fibula shaft, a fragment of left tibia, two fragments of right tibia and two rib fragments. Those remains were consistent with Smith's stature, according to a memo to the Army CIL commander dated July 25, 2000.

Also included was a tibia shaft determined to belong to a smaller individual: "Anthropological analysis reveals that the remains are those of two individuals."

The documents, signed by current JPAC CIL scientific director Dr. Thomas Holland, state that the tibia shaft "was segregated" and designated as unassociated remains.

The document confirmed that the majority of the remains were matched to Smith using mitochondrial DNA and that of his sister.

"Conversely, the remains of the smaller individual are assumed to be those of an indigenous Southeast Asian unrelated to the incident."

The forensic anthropology report, dated June 7, 2000, and signed by current CIL director Dr. John Byrd, states that the Southeast Asian remains were removed.

That never happened, according to the memo by Guinan.

For Bill Smith III, a pall has now been cast over the laboratory's success in recovering his father's remains. He went to the laboratory leadership said the unrelated remains had been removed when they hadn't been.

Despite it all, he doesn't want his father's remains be exhumed. He wants to let his father rest peacefully.

"What's done is done," he said.

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Engineman 2nd Class Zack Garrett, of Wolcottville, Ind., right, assists Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Davidson Noble, of San Augustine, Texas, onto a rigid-hull inflatable boat during a search-and-rescue drill from the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. The Washington and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing 5, provide a combat-ready force that protects and defends the maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

Ferry disaster prompts S. Korean union to delay plans to call strike

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
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Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Citing last week's ferry disaster, the union representing thousands of South Koreans who work for the U.S. military will delay a possible strike though it says most of its members support a walkout.

"Because of the ferry incident, the whole country is in sadness right now," a spokesman for the USFK Korean Employees Union said.

Hundreds of the ferry's approximately 475 passengers, many of them high school students, remain missing five days after it sank off the peninsula's southwestern tip.

Union officials have threatened to strike over complaints ranging from shortened work hours to frozen wages. They previously said they might time the strike to coincide with President Barack Obama's visit to Seoul, scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

On Monday afternoon, a union official said that while votes were still being tallied, members voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

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USFK Korean Employees Union spokesman

The announcement of the delayed strike follows USFK's decision on April 9 to give all South Korean workers a 1.7 percent raise, effective at the beginning of May. USFK's statement on Monday said it is the maximum amount allowed by law.

A spokesman for the union, which represents about 9,500 workers, said the union wants at least 1.96 percent, retroactive to Jan. 1, with the expectation that additional negotiations would be conducted this summer.

USFK last month took steps to avert a mass furlough of its South Korean employees due to a shortfall in funding from Seoul. The South Korean government normally pays the bulk of their salaries but had not done so since a defense cost-sharing agreement between the two nations expired at the end of 2013.

Had USFK not decided last month to provide full funding for their salaries, the Korean employees could have been furloughed beginning April 1. The National Assembly approved another defense cost-sharing agreement last week.

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Guam welcomes Navy proposals on Marine base

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Navy has recommended placing firing ranges on Andersen Air Force Base instead of Guam's ancient ancestral lands in its latest environmental impact report — largely seen as one of the final hurdles to moving 4,700 Marines and their families off Okinawa as part of the Pacific realignment.

In addition to recommending that Andersen's Northwest Field be used for the firing ranges, the draft supplemental report released Friday also suggested stretching out the construction over a number of additional years, avoiding the acquisition of nonfederal land and lessening the overall strain on Guam's residents and infrastructure.

The draft says there would be fewer people on the island, lower demand for power and potable water and less solid waste and wastewater. Personnel would be concentrated on the island's northern end.

The Navy's new approach was applauded Friday by Guam officials who said the recommendations show the process works and are a testament to the collaborative effort between the U.S. military and Guam's people.

"The administration is pleased," said Mark Calvo, director of the Government of Guam Military Buildup Office. "Our concerns were heard, and they're adapting. This is a major milestone in moving forward with the relocation of Marines to Guam."

Calvo, who is a veteran and distant cousin of Guam Gov. Eddie Calvo, said the stretched-out construction timeline, from an intense seven-year boom to a moderate 13-year schedule, is more manageable for the tiny U.S. territory. It also reduces the military's presence.

Calvo said the addition of the Marines to Guam is viewed positively by upwards of 85 percent of the population.

The draft supplemental report is years in the making, following a 2010 Final Environmental Impact Statement and subsequent Record of Decision that deferred a decision on the live-fire training range complex. A 2011 agreement between the Navy and Guam placed the complex along Route 15 in the Pagat coastal area, despite fervent opposition. Pagat is home to ancient indigenous Chamorro graves and archeological sites.

A 2012 agreement between the U.S. and Japanese governments

reduced the number of Marines heading to Guam from 8,600 and 9,000 dependents, leading to the reconsideration of certain aspects of the plan, which included alternative sites for the firing ranges.

While the placement of the ranges has always been the most contentious issue, the acquisition of nonfederal land also raised Guamanian ire. Plans originally called for the acquisition of 688 acres of nonfederal land for the cantonment, which is essentially headquarters, administration, housing and support facilities at Finegayan, and more than 1,000 acres for the ranges.

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Mark Calvo
director,
Government of
Guam Military
Buildup Office

Under the draft supplemental proposal, that nonfederal land is no longer needed.

Calvo said the public will have 60 days to comment, followed about a year later by a final Environmental Impact Statement. Then, a few months later, another Record of Decision should follow. If Congress then unfreezes funding for the move, construction can begin.

The Marine move to Guam is seen as a major piece of the realignment of forces in the Pacific and a way to reduce tensions in Japan, which is home to more than 50,000 American servicemen.

Of the estimated \$8.6 billion price tag for Guam redevelopment, Japan has agreed to pay \$2.8 billion, of which \$907 million has already been transferred. An additional \$19 million is budgeted and pending.

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Access restricted at East Coast Navy bases

Under new rules in wake of recent shooting, dozens denied entry due to past crimes

By BROCK VERGAIRIS
The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Dozens of transportation workers have been denied access to Navy bases on the East Coast because of their criminal histories since more stringent rules were put in place following a fatal shooting aboard a destroyer in Virginia, according to figures provided by the Navy.

A civilian truck driver with a criminal record shot and killed Petty Officer 2nd Class Mark Mayo aboard the USS Mahan in March after driving onto Naval Station Norfolk, walking onto a pier and onto the ship's quarterdeck. The Navy said Jeffrey Tyrone Savage disarmed a sailor guarding the ship and used her weapon to fire the fatal shots at Mayo, who jumped between the disarmed sailor and Savage. Savage was later shot and killed by Navy personnel in a shootout

aboard the ship.

The Navy said Savage possessed a valid Transportation Worker Identification Credential that could have gotten him access to the base, although he lacked proper paperwork indicating he had a legitimate reason to be there. The civilian gate guard who allowed Savage to drive onto base has been placed on administrative leave.

The credential Savage had the night of the shooting is issued by the Transportation Security Administration to people such as truck drivers who need unescorted access to ports and military installations.

Those who commit certain crimes are prohibited from having a TWIC card, but the crimes Savage committed didn't fall under any of them.

Savage's criminal record included pleading guilty to volun-

tary manslaughter in Charlotte, N.C., in 2008 for shooting a friend in a car and leaving his body on the side of an interstate. Prosecutors originally charged Savage with murder and intended to seek the death penalty if he didn't plead guilty to the lesser charge, Savage's criminal history



Mayo

also includes possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

After the shooting aboard the Mahan, the commander in charge of Navy installations for most of the East Coast issued new rules prohibiting anyone with a felony in the past 10 years from using a TWIC card to get onto base. Under the new rules, Sav-

age would not have been allowed onto Naval Station Norfolk.

Figures provided to The Associated Press show that in the first three weeks the new rules were in place, 48 people were denied access to Navy installations in Virginia, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island. During the same time period, 1,018 people used a TWIC card to try to gain access to the 12 installations in those states that the Navy is tracking statistics on TWIC card entry denials.

Joint Expeditionary Force Little Creek-Fort Story in Virginia Beach had the most denials, with 21 out of 198 TWIC card uses. Among other things, the base is home to amphibious ships that transport Marines and Navy SEAL teams.

Under the new policy, the National Crime Information Center database is now checked for any

criminal history or outstanding warrants that are grounds for denial. In addition to the ban on felonies in the past 10 years, no access for TWIC card holders is allowed for anyone who has a misdemeanor conviction within the last five years for crimes of violence, larceny and drugs; habitual offenders; and conviction for sex offenses.

Beth Baker, a spokeswoman for Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, said the background checks can add anywhere from five minutes to two hours to wait times for those using TWIC cards to gain entry.

The other installations that had TWIC card denials are: Naval Air Station Oceana 2; Naval Station Norfolk 11; Naval Station Newport 1; Naval Shipyard Norfolk 6; Naval Weapons Station Earle 1; Naval Submarine Base New London 2; and Naval Weapons Station Yorktown 4.

Navy OKs changes for submariners' sleep schedules

By MICHAEL MELIA
The Associated Press

GROTON, Conn. — With no sunlight to set day apart from night on a submarine, the U.S. Navy for decades has staggered sailors' working hours on schedules with little resemblance to life above the ocean's surface.

Research by a Navy laboratory in Groton is now leading to changes for the undersea fleet. Military scientists concluded submarine sailors, who traditionally begin a new workday every 18 hours, show less fatigue on a 24-hour schedule, and the Navy has endorsed the findings for any skippers who want to make the switch.

The first submarine to try the new schedule on a full deployment was the USS Scranton, led by Cmdr. Seth Burton, a cancer survivor. He said the illness he experienced as a junior officer helped convince him of the health benefits of keeping a sleep pattern in line with the body's natural rhythm.

"I know that there's lots of medical side effects to just not having a good, regular sleep pattern," said Burton, 41, of Huntsville, Ala.

A submarine sailor's day is generally divided equally into three periods: time on watch, off time that is devoted partly to training and drills, and sleep. Under the new schedule, those time blocks are stretched from six to eight hours.

Submarine crews are not big enough to support more than three watch rotations, and, beginning in the 1960s, the Navy capped shifts at six hours in part to limit fatigue as sailors manned the vessels' nuclear reactors. The study by the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory, at the submarine base in Groton, documented how fatigue can set in over the third cycle as sailors are working when their bodies are accustomed to sleeping.

Navy Capt. Steven Wechsler, the laboratory's commanding officer, said the study found the fatigue that came from working on the reactors an additional two hours can be balanced out by the longer, more consistent sleep period on the 24-hour schedule.



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Scientists at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory in Groton, Conn., concluded that submarine sailors, who traditionally begin a new workday every 18 hours, show less fatigue on a 24-hour schedule.

Since 2005, the laboratory has done experiments on submariners' sleep patterns, testing melatonin levels in sailors' saliva, surveying crews and fitting sailors with devices to measure activity levels and sleep quality. Last May, the Navy authorized submarine commanders to use the 24-hour schedule. Wechsler said he expects submarines will use it "when appropriate," noting it may depend on the mission type.

The circadian rhythm, a master biological clock that regulates when we become sleepy and when we're alert, has been the subject of many studies by industry and academia. The Navy's surface fleet is also

trying schedules that align more with the natural body clock. A strike group deployed with the aircraft carrier George H.W. Bush is trying a schedule of three hours on, nine hours off.

The Groton lab focused specifically on applications for submariners, one of the only groups outside a laboratory to operate without any external time cues.

While the medical benefits may be clear, the transition to a 24-hour schedule poses logistical challenges on cramped submarines.

On the attack submarine Scranton, which returned in January to Norfolk,

Va., from a seven-month deployment, Burton said the new schedule initially led to backlogs of laundry and frustrations over access to laptops and exercise equipment. The enlisted sailors on Burton's crew kept a straight, eight-hour rotation, but he structured shifts for officers in a way that allowed all of them to be awake and work together for part of each day.

He said sailors always managed to adapt to the old schedule, but after working out the wrinkles, the new hours were well received.

"The crew loved it," he said. "I saw a great response."

MILITARY

Powers: Perception is that cutbacks are forcing US to pull back from Pacific

FROM FRONT PAGE

Late last year, it announced a new "air defense identification zone" over a broad swath of the East China Sea, requiring foreign aircraft to report flight paths and follow other regulations if they enter the zone.

Days after the announcement, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel made it clear that the U.S. has no intention of complying.

"This announcement by the People's Republic of China will not in any way change how the United States conducts military operations in the region," Hagel said.

Then on March 9, China entered Japan's airspace, flying a surveillance plane and two bombers between Japan's Okinawa and Miyako islands. Japan's Air Self-Defense Force responded by scrambling its fighter jets.

The same day, Chinese Coast Guard vessels prevented two civilian ships contracted by the Philippine Navy from resupplying and rotating Philippine forces at its Ayungin Shoal, Philippine officials said.

Other incidents include Chinese submarines encroaching on Japan's outlying islands in 2013 and Chinese coast guard patrols around the disputed Senkaku islands in 2012. Earlier this year, Chinese vessels drove Filipino fishermen away from the Scarborough Shoal with water cannons and issued fishing regulations that would require foreign vessels to obtain Chinese approval before casting nets in the South China Sea.

"What we are seeing is just the beginning of an effort of China to break through the security perimeter that the U.S. traditionally tries to maintain in the Western Pacific," Holslag said. "China knows that it can only recover what it calls lost territory if the U.S. is kept at a distance."

"I don't think that the security dilemmas in Asia are going to have a peaceful ending," he said. "All these territorial disputes will ultimately be decided by power and probably also military power."

Japan, Philippines take notice

Perhaps in recognition of that prospect, other countries in the region are looking to bolster their militaries.

Japan is reconsidering its military spending and doctrine of self-defense only.

Japan spent almost \$57 billion in 2013, and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has asked for more this year, according to IHS Jane's Annual Defense Budgets Review.

For now, however, any Japanese reaction to Chinese provocation is limited by the country's pacifist constitution, founding economy and reliance on the war-weary United States for protection.

According to a Wall Street Journal report, the issue came up at a national security seminar last month in Tokyo.

"Truth be told, the U.S. can no longer afford to play the world's policeman," Yosuke Isozaki, a ruling-party lawmaker who advises Abe on national security issues, was quoted in the report as saying. "This is no longer an era when Japan is permitted to do nothing and count on America to protect us for free. It's become extremely important we do our own share alongside the U.S."

Other Japanese lawmakers said China's military buildup will diminish America's power.

"We need to think about how to maintain the military balance," Shigeru Ishiba, a top ruling-party official and a former defense minister said at the same seminar.

Meanwhile, Philippine officials are in the process of inviting U.S. forces back to the islands.

Philippine Defense Undersecretary Pio Lorenzo Batino told reporters in Washington last month that an agreement to allow shared use of Philippine military bases with U.S. forces was almost complete, according to Reuters.



DENVER APPLIANS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force destroyer JS Yudachi rides in front of the aircraft carrier USS Washington during a formation in the East China Sea in June 2012. Japanese lawmakers are looking to increase the country's defense spending and change its self-defense constitution, possibly to help the U.S. deal with a rising Chinese military.

"Through the proposed Philippines-U.S. Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, the Philippines wants to enhance its defense cooperation with the U.S. in maintaining and developing individual and collective capacities and further strengthening its defense posture," Charles Jose, a spokesman for the Philippine office of foreign affairs, wrote to Stars and Stripes.

"Although the Philippines respects U.S. policy that it would not take position on conflicting claims and on sovereignty issues, our two countries share common positions on resolving disputes, including the adoption of a rules-based approach, adherence to international law and non-use of force."

Even Australia, which historically has had good relations with China, has been eager to work more closely with the U.S. military. In 2012, the U.S. started sending Marines to Darwin for joint training, and more than 20,000 U.S. troops took part in the Tailsman exercise in 2013. Plans call for more U.S. troops and more bilateral cooperation in the coming years.

Australian officials told Stars and Stripes they don't have a problem with China's military modernization, but they encourage Beijing to be open and transparent about the policy that is driving its budget increases

and modernization programs.

Still a Pacific pivot?

The U.S. has security treaties with the Philippines and Japan and would be compelled to come to their aid in the event of conflict.

But the current administration has also given mixed signals on its commitment to the Pacific pivot.

"The Asia-Pacific rebalance remains an administration priority — we will continue seeking to preserve peace and stability in a region that is increasingly central to U.S. political, economic and security interests," Marine Lt. Col. Jeffrey Pool, a Defense Department spokesman, wrote in a statement provided to Stars and Stripes in March.

Pool said the Defense Department was making long-term investments in capabilities that directly support the rebalance — undersea and in space, the cyber realm, aircraft and long-range strike capabilities.

Some members of Congress are questioning that commitment.

"When the president framed rebalance, he discussed how we could now safely turn our attention to Asia because the war in Af-

ghanistan was receding and al-Qaida was on the path to defeat," Rep. Buck McKeon, R-Calif., said in a House Armed Services Committee statement in January. "I'm concerned those conditions haven't panned out."

On March 13, Rep. J. Randy Forbes, R-Va., penned a letter to National Security Advisor Susan Rice, calling for a new Asia-Pacific strategy review.

Perceptions matter

Despite the budgeting bottom line having changed very little, the perception is that the U.S. is shrinking its budget and moving backward on its proposed pivot while the Chinese forge ahead with growth and expansion. That perception is important and could make matters worse, according to experts.

"Perception matters indeed," said Bao-hui Zhang, a political science professor at Lingnan University's Centre for Asian Pacific Studies in Hong Kong.

"In particular, China's continuous military buildup will deepen the mistrust between itself and Japan. The security dilemma with Japan has been driven by the rise of China and Japan's relative decline. So we may expect additional measures by Japan to respond to China's military expansion," Zhang said.

In a move that many believe will anger the Chinese, Japan broke ground on a new military lookout station this month on the tiny tropical island of Yonaguni, according to Reuters. It plans to send 100 soldiers and radar to Japan's westernmost outpost, which is located off Taiwan and only 93 miles from disputed islands claimed by both countries.

Some say this perception might also be enough to sway smaller nations like Cambodia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Vietnam, which either sit on the fence between Chinese or American partnerships or are locked in their own disputes with China. Poor economic times in these countries could also lead to nationalism and the chance for conflict.

"It may not come close to the United States, but this is not a good news for the American allies in the region," said Toshiyuki Shikata, a former Japan Ground Self-Defense Force lieutenant general and current professor at Teikyo University in Tokyo. "The U.S. needs to show its understanding (toward these countries) and show them that it is OK because it is there."

Moreover, the perception that the U.S. is scaling back its military might be enough to further embolden China.

Capt. James Fanell, director of intelligence for the U.S. Pacific Fleet, warned at a conference in San Diego last month that the Chinese military had been tasked with the capability of conducting a "short, sharp war to destroy Japanese forces in the East China Sea, followed with what can only be expected, a seizure of the Senkaku or even the southern Ryukyu (islands)," according to the Brookings Institution's Jonathan Pollack and Dennis Blasko.

Scholars are divided on whether the Chinese can continue to grow or whether the U.S. can win the war without being dragged into unnecessary conflicts. However, scholars say it isn't necessarily a good thing if China's growth and defense spending falls.

"China is heading for difficult economic times," Holslag said. "That makes defense spending more difficult, but military modernization is more likely. The biggest uncertainty is whether China will move when it feels it is powerful and ready or if it would slide and panic."

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UKRAINE UNREST

Biden in Ukraine to show support as tensions rise

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KIEV, Ukraine — Vice President Joe Biden on Monday launched a high-profile visit to demonstrate the U.S. commitment to Ukraine and push for urgent implementation of an international agreement aimed at de-escalating tensions even as violence continues.

Biden planned to meet Tuesday with government leaders who took over after pro-Russian Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich was ousted in February following months of protests. The White House said President Barack Obama and Biden agreed he should make the two-day visit to the capital city to send a high-level signal of support for reform efforts being pushed the new government.

Biden has scheduled a series of meetings Tuesday, including with Arseniy Yatsenyuk and Oleksandr Turchynov, the acting Ukrainian prime minister and president. He also is scheduled to meet with legislators from across the country and democracy activists before returning to Washington on Tuesday night.

A senior administration official told reporters aboard Air Force Two en route to Kiev that Biden plans to announce new technical support to the Ukrainian government to implement energy and economic reforms. The official,

speaking on a condition of anonymity to allow Biden to publicly announce any agreements, said the vice president also will follow up on recent U.S. commitments of nonlethal security assistance and discuss what more Washington can offer to help.

Biden also plans to discuss preparations for next month's presidential election and the latest developments in eastern Ukraine, where insurgents are accusing leaders in Kiev of aiming to suppress the country's Russian speakers concentrated in the



Biden

region. His trip comes a day after a shootout at a checkpoint in eastern Ukraine manned by the pro-Russian insurgents left at least three

dead and Ukrainian and Russian officials trading blame. The armed clash followed Thursday's announcement in Geneva that talks between Ukraine, Russia, the United States and the European Union produced an agreement to take tentative steps toward calming a volatile situation in eastern Ukraine.

The official who briefed reporters traveling with Biden said details surrounding the deadly



ALEXANDER ZEMLINICHENKO/AP

Masked pro-Russian gunmen guard an entrance of the Ukrainian regional office of the Security Service in Luhansk, Ukraine, on Monday.

clash are still murky and blamed the difficulty of monitors to get in the area for observation. The U.S. wants the Russian government to use its influence to get pro-Russian separatists to lay down their arms.

Russia's Foreign Ministry quickly blamed militant Ukrainian nationalists in Sunday's attack. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accused Kiev of "a crude violation of the agreements reached in Geneva" to ease tensions.

The Ukrainian Security Service said the attack was staged by provocateurs from outside the country.

Biden plans to warn Russia of mounting costs if it doesn't follow through on its commitments. The U.S. and its allies have prepared new sanctions on wealthy Russians in President Vladimir Putin's inner circle, as well on the entities they run, and administra-

tion officials have said they will determine in the coming days whether Russia is making progress or should face the further penalties.

Pro-Russian armed groups that have seized police stations and other government buildings in eastern Ukraine said they wouldn't vacate unless the country's acting government resigned. The new government insists it is legitimate, has no plans to resign and is working on constitutional reforms that will give eastern regions a greater voice in self-government.

The Obama administration official told reporters that the assistance Biden plans to announce includes technical expertise to take steps including increasing production in their own fields and to boost energy efficiency to reduce reliance on oil imports from Russia. The economic help

includes advice to make sure international funding is allocated effectively and that all parts of the country are benefiting.

Biden took on the trip because of his long ties at the forefront of the Obama administration's diplomatic maneuvers with Kiev. The vice president frequently negotiated with Yanukovich before he fled to Russia and last visited Ukraine shortly after becoming vice president in 2009.

During that last trip, Biden delivered a speech in Kiev aimed at reassuring Ukrainians that the Obama administration remained committed to their country while trying to reset a better relationship with Russia.

Instead of improving ties, relations with Russia are at their lowest point since the Cold War over Moscow's action in Ukraine, including annexation of the Crimean Peninsula last month.

Lawmakers call for tighter sanctions on Russia

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee called Sunday for beefing up western sanctions against Russia to include its petrochemical and banking industries and warned that Moscow thus far has ignored United States and European efforts to persuade it to back off its confrontation with Ukraine.

"We've helped in many ways to create the problems that exist there," Sen. Bob Corker, of Tennessee, the committee's senior Republican member, said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "And to leave them alone in the manner that we're leaving them alone to me is just unconscionable."

"I don't think Putin really believes we're going to punish them in that way," he said.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., a member of the same committee, said he thinks the time is now to rapidly ratchet up our sanctions,



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People listen to a pro-Russian speaker Monday as they gather at barricades at the Ukrainian regional office of the Security Service in Luhansk, Ukraine

whether it's on Russian petrochemical companies or on Russian banks.

"If Russia does get away with

this, I do think that there's a potential that a NATO ally is next. And, yes, there will be economic pain to Europe (under tightened

sanctions). But it's time for them to lead as well."

President Barack Obama has said his administration is prepared to take further action against Russia if diplomatic efforts to destabilize the conflict fail.

Vice President Joe Biden plans to be in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, on Monday and Tuesday to meet with government leaders and democracy advocates.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said last week that the U.S. is looking for ways to reassure its NATO allies of its strong commitment to collective defense. The Pentagon's press secretary, Rear Adm. John Kirby, has said that American officials are considering a range of additional measures to bolster air, maritime and ground readiness in Europe.

Corker, who plans to be in the region in May, said unless the Russians "immediately begin moving the 40,000 troops on the border which are intimidat-

ing people in Ukraine, unless they begin immediately moving them away, I really do believe we should be sanctioning some of the companies in the energy sector, Gazprom and others. I think we should hit some of the large banks there."

Geoffrey Pyatt, the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, said that an international agreement forged late last week designed to ease tensions in Ukraine may be "the best chance that we have got to achieve a diplomatic de-escalation of this crisis. And we're working hard at it."

He told CNN's "State of the Union" that "there are obviously some real challenges at this point," including a fresh outbreak of violence earlier Sunday in eastern Ukraine.

"But we also believe that there has been some progress," Pyatt said. "I'm seeing reports this morning that at least one of these government buildings now has a Ukrainian flag flying over it."

NATION

High court to hear dispute about TV over the Internet

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thirty years after failing to convince the Supreme Court of the threat posed by home video recordings, big media companies are back and now trying to rein in another technological innovation they say threatens their financial well-being.

The battle has moved out of viewers' living rooms, where Americans once marveled at their ability to pop a cassette into a recorder and capture their favorite programs or the sporting event they wouldn't be home to see.

Now the entertainment conglomerates that own U.S. television networks are waging a legal fight, culminating in Tuesday's Supreme Court argument about a startup business that uses Internet-based technology to give subscribers the ability to watch programs anywhere they can take portable devices.

The source of the companies' worry is Aereo Inc., which takes free television signals from the airwaves and sends them over the Internet to paying subscribers in 11 cities. Aereo, backed by billionaire Barry Diller, has plans to move to more than double that total.

Broadcasters including ABC,

CBS, Fox, NBC and PBS have sued Aereo for copyright infringement, saying Aereo should pay for redistributing the programming the same way cable and satellite systems do.

The U.S. networks increasingly are reliant on these retransmission fees, estimated at \$3.3 billion last year and going up to more than \$7 billion by 2018, according to research by SNL Kagan, which analyzes media and communications trends. They fear that they will lose some of that money if the Supreme Court rules for Aereo.

Aereo's service starts at \$8 a month and is available in New York, Boston, Houston and Atlanta, among others. Subscribers get about two dozen local over-the-air stations, plus the Bloomberg TV financial channel.

In the New York market, Aereo has a data center in Brooklyn with thousands of dime-size antennas. When a subscriber wants to watch a show live or record it, the company temporarily assigns him an antenna and transmits the program over the Internet to the subscriber's laptop, tablet, smartphone or other device.

The antenna is used by one subscriber at a time, and Aereo says that's much like the situation at

home, where a viewer uses a personal antenna to watch over-the-air broadcasts for free.

"Aereo is in some ways novel, but it is also among a host of technologies that uses the Internet to offer consumers the ability to do what they always have more cheaply and conveniently," the Dish Network and EchoStar Technologies said in a supporting legal brief filed in the Supreme Court.

The broadcasters and their backers argue that Aereo's competitive advantage lies not in its product but in avoiding paying for it. "Aereo is simply a blatant free rider trying to make a quick buck without paying anything toward the true costs of what it misappropriates," Time Warner Inc. said in a court filing.

The broadcasters told the court that Aereo's "competitors pay for the rights to retransmit live TV to the public — as they must to avoid liability for copyright infringement — while Aereo does not."

The federal appeals court in New York ruled that Aereo did not violate the copyrights of broadcasters with its service, but a similar service has been blocked by judges in Los Angeles and Washington.



DAVE MARTIN/AP

A woman smokes a cigarette while sitting in her truck in Hayneville, Ala. A new poll shows Americans find more truth in concepts related to their own experiences, such as cigarettes causing cancer.

Poll shows Americans question science not related to experience

By SETH BORENSTEIN
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Few Americans question that smoking causes cancer. But they express bigger doubts as concepts that scientists consider to be truths get further from our own experiences and the present time, an Associated Press-GfK poll found.

Americans have more skepticism than confidence in global warming, the age of the Earth and evolution and have the most trouble believing a Big Bang created the universe 13.8 billion years ago.

Rather than quizzing scientific knowledge, the survey asked people to rate their confidence in several statements about science and medicine.

On some, there's broad acceptance. Just 4 percent doubt that smoking causes cancer, 6 percent question whether mental illness is a medical condition that affects the brain and 8 percent are skeptical there's a genetic code inside our cells. More — 15 percent — have doubts about the safety and efficacy of childhood vaccines.

About 4 in 10 say they are not too confident or outright disbelieve that the earth is warming, mostly a result of man-made heat-trapping gases, that the Earth is 4.5 billion years old or that life on Earth evolved through a process of natural selection, though most were at least somewhat confident in each of those concepts. But a narrow majority — 51 percent — questions the Big Bang theory.

Those results depress and upset some of America's top scientists, including several Nobel Prize winners, who vouched for the science in the statements tested, calling them settled scientific facts.

"Science ignorance is pervasive in our society, and these attitudes are reinforced when some of our leaders are openly antagonistic to

established facts," said 2013 Nobel Prize in medicine winner Randy Schekman, of the University of California, Berkeley.

The poll highlights "the iron triangle of science, religion and politics," said Anthony Leiserowitz, director of the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication.

Scientists know they've got the shakiest leg in the triangle.

To the public, "most often values and beliefs trump science" when they conflict, said Alan Leshner, chief executive of the world's largest scientific society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Political values were closely tied to views on science in the poll, with Democrats more apt than Republicans to express confidence in evolution, the Big Bang, the age of the Earth and climate change.

Religious values are similarly important.

Confidence in evolution, the Big Bang, the age of the Earth and climate change decline sharply as faith in a supreme being rises, according to the poll. Likewise, those who regularly attend religious services or are evangelical Christians express much greater doubts about scientific concepts they may see as contradictory to their faith.

"When you are putting up facts against faith, facts can't argue against faith," said 2012 Nobel Prize winning biochemistry professor Robert Lefkowitz of Duke University. "It makes sense now that science would have made no headway because faith is untestable."

The AP-GfK Poll was conducted March 20-24 using KnowledgePanel, GfK's probability-based online panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. It involved online interviews with 1,012 adults and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points for all respondents.



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Celebrating Easter

Above: Children and parents gather on the South Lawn of the White House on Monday for the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama kicked off the festivities.

Events included live music, cooking stations, storytelling and, of course, some Easter egg rolling. Right: The Obamas cheer and laugh as they host the festivities.



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NATION



CHRIS SUGIDONO, THE MAUI NEWS/AP

A 16-year-old boy who stowed away in the wheel well of a flight from San Jose, Calif., to Maui is loaded into an ambulance at Kahului Airport in Maui, Hawaii, on Sunday.

Teen survives Hawaii flight riding in plane's wheel well

By OSKAR GARCIA
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Officials say a 16-year-old boy is "lucky to be alive" and unharmed after flying from California to Hawaii stowed away in a plane's wheel well, surviving cold temperatures at 38,000 feet and a lack of oxygen.

"Doesn't even remember the flight," FBI spokesman Tom Simon in Honolulu told The Associated Press on Sunday night. "It's amazing he survived that."

The boy was questioned by the FBI after being discovered on the tarmac at Kahului Airport in Maui Sunday morning with no identification, Simon said.

"Kid's lucky to be alive," Simon said.

Simon said security footage from the San Jose airport verified that the boy from Santa Clara, Calif., hopped a fence to get to

Hawaiian Airlines Flight 45 on Sunday morning. The child had run away from his family after an argument, Simon said. Simon said the Boeing 767 landed in Maui, the boy hopped down from the wheel well and started wandering around the airport grounds.

"He was unconscious for the lion's share of the flight," Simon said. The flight lasted about 5½ hours.

Hawaiian Airlines spokeswoman Alison Croyle said airline personnel noticed the boy on the ramp after the flight arrived and immediately notified airport security.

A photo taken by a Maui News photographer shows the boy sitting upright on a stretcher as authorities get ready to load him into an ambulance.

Simon said the boy was screened and found to be unharmed.

His misadventure immediately raised security questions. A congressman who serves on the Homeland Security committee wondered how the teen could have sneaked onto the airfield at San Jose unnoticed.

"I have long been concerned about security at our airport perimeters. #Stowaway teen demonstrates vulnerabilities that need to be addressed," tweeted Rep. Eric Swalwell, a Democrat who represents the San Francisco Bay Area's eastern cities and suburbs.

A Mineta San Jose International Airport spokeswoman said airport police were working with the FBI and the Transportation Security Administration to review security at the facility as part of an investigation.

The boy was released to child protective services and not charged with a crime, Simon said.

Mo., states battle asthma as numbers grow

By MICHAEL OLLOVE
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WASHINGTON — In a valley wedged between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, St. Louis often finds itself beset by a stationary air mass that only a severe storm of some kind can dislodge. St. Louis is also an industrial city with high humidity, so it's no wonder it usually makes the list of worst places for asthmatics to live.

But Missouri has pioneered advances in addressing asthma treatment and costs. Two years ago, the state legislature became the first to allow schools to stock quick-relief asthma medications for emergencies. Missouri also became the first state to permit

school nurses and other trained staff to administer that medication to any child suffering an asthmatic attack while at school, whether or not the child has an asthma diagnosis or a prescription at the school.

Now the state is poised to register another advance in its campaign against the respiratory disease. The House passed an appropriations bill last month that would allow Medicaid reimbursement for specialists to visit the homes of low-income patients with severe asthma to identify asthma triggers in those homes.

Medicaid would also provide reimbursement for face-to-face sessions to educate severe asthmatics on the disease and ways to man-

age it. The Senate is now considering the measure.

If approved, Missouri would join a very small number of states, including Massachusetts, Minnesota and New York, that either provide Medicaid reimbursement for asthma education or home assessments or both.

The latest legislation would define eligible patients as those identified as frequent users of emergency rooms for asthma, frequently hospitalized as a result of asthma or frequently prescribed oral steroids for asthmatic emergencies.

Asthma afflicts 18.7 million adults and 7 million children in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Car slams into packed Fla. church; 21 injured

The Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — A car slammed into a packed Florida church just as its annual Easter concert was about to begin, injuring 21 people as it barreled through the brick outer wall and several rows of pews, Fort Myers police said.

The Lexus sedan struck the Second Haitian Baptist Church around 8 p.m. Sunday, when there were about 200 people inside, Lt. Victor Medico said.

When officers arrived at the scene, church members used car jacks to lift the vehicle off of people who were trapped underneath, according to the News-Press of Fort Myers.

Investigators are looking into the crash even though they believe it was "an unfortunate traffic accident."

"Everybody was sitting and the service started and then ding 'the car came in,'" said Jean Corjeles, who was in the church when the crash happened.

"So many people are injured," he said.

Medico said the driver, a young Haitian woman, told investigators she was looking for a parking spot when the car malfunctioned and it drove "straight into the building," adding that she said the car's brakes malfunctioned.

Even though the car drove through an exterior wall and into the building, the structure isn't in danger of collapsing, said both Medico and Benjamin Abes, Lee County's EMS operations chief.

Lee Memorial Health System spokeswoman Mary Biggs said 18 people were taken to Lee County hospitals and one was discharged late Sunday. She said none required surgery.

Word of the crash spread quickly in the area and friends and relatives gathered in the parking lot.

"I had family in the church but I don't know if they're hurt," said Eddy Boice. "They didn't call me, and I can't call them."

Children prescribed codeine in ER despite known risks

By LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Despite recommended limits on codeine use in children, the potent painkiller is prescribed for children in at least half a million emergency room visits each year, a study suggests.

Use of the drug in that setting is hardly rampant — just 3 percent of kids' ER visits resulted in a codeine prescription in 2010, the 10-year study found. But with more than 25 million ER visits by children each year, the authors say far too many kids are getting the drug when better options are available.

Codeine is an opiate drug and a genetic variation makes some people metabolize it too quickly, potentially resulting in dangerous side effects including excessive sleepiness and difficulty breathing. The Food and Drug Administration issued its strictest warning last year about a rare risk for life-threatening complications or death in children given the drug after certain surgeries. It advises using codeine for children's pain only if anticipated benefits outweigh the risks.

Another genetic variation makes the drug ineffective for pain relief in as many as a third of patients. Codeine was once commonly used for coughs, but the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends against that use because of the risks and no evidence it relieves coughs.

Injuries and respiratory symptoms are the top reasons for children's ER visits. The study authors analyzed 2001-10 national data on ER visits for kids aged 3 to 17. The portion of visits where codeine was prescribed dipped

slightly during the study. But the authors estimated the yearly number of codeine visits ranged from almost 560,000 to 877,000. Information on any side effects was not in the data.

The study was published online Monday in Pediatrics.

Dr. Kathleen Neville, a pediatric drug expert at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in Kansas City, said it's likely the numbers have declined since the study ended, given the FDA's black

box warning.

Dr. Bradley Berg, medical director of McLane Children's Clinic in Round Rock, Texas, said some ER doctors may have been unaware of pediatricians' guidelines on limiting codeine's use, or recalled getting the drug themselves as children, when its use was more common, with no ill effects.

Dr. Alfred Sacchetti, a spokesman for the American College of Emergency Physicians, said codeine can be safely used in many children, especially older kids. Children's symptoms are monitored in the ER after getting codeine and would not be sent home with a prescription if they had a bad reaction or it didn't work, he said.

Children on codeine who develop breathing problems or unusual sleepiness should get immediate medical attention, the FDA says.

WORLD

Suicide bombings, attacks in Iraq kill 19

BAGHDAD — Suicide bombings and other attacks across Iraq killed at least 19 people and wounded 36 on Monday, officials said.

In one suicide attack, the bomber drove his explosives-laden car into a police checkpoint in Suwayrah, killing 12 people — five policemen and seven civilians. A police officer said the explosion in Suwayrah, about 25 miles south of Baghdad, also wounded 19 people.

In Madain, about 14 miles southeast of Baghdad, another suicide car bomber struck an army checkpoint, killing three soldiers and two civilians, a second police officer said. Twelve other people were wounded in that attack, he said.

An Iraqi soldier was killed and three were wounded when a roadside bomb struck their patrol in Mishadha, 20 miles north of Baghdad, a police officer said. In Latifiyah, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, gunmen in a speeding car went on a shooting spree, killing one civilian and wounding two, a police officer said.

Syria to hold election for presidency June 3

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syria will hold presidential elections on June 3, the country's parliament speaker announced Monday, a vote President Bashar Assad is said to contest, and win, as the country enters its fourth year of war.

Assad, who has ruled the country since 2000, has suggested he would seek another seven-year term in office, reflecting his determination to show he is the legitimate leader of Syria.

Sherpas weigh boycott after Everest avalanche

KATMANDU, Nepal — Buddhist monks cremated the remains of Sherpa guides who were buried in the deadliest avalanche to hit Mount Everest, a disaster that has prompted calls for a climbing boycott by Nepal's ethnic Sherpa community.

Nepal's government said late Monday it would consider the Sherpa's demands for more insurance money, more financial aid for the families of the victims, the formation of a relief fund and regulations that would ensure climbers' rights.

Chinese police begin carrying guns on patrol

SHANGHAI — A quarter of the police in Shanghai began carrying guns during routine patrols for the first time this week as part of a China-wide boost in police firepower following a deadly mass knifing blamed on Xinjiang separatists.

Ordinary police in China generally don't carry firearms, and none of the officers patrolling the train station in the southwestern city of Kunming on March 1 was armed when at least five assailants began rapidly hacking at victims with long knives.

From The Associated Press



South Korean rescue team members on Monday search for passengers believed to have been trapped in the sunken ferry Sewol off the southern coast near Jindo, South Korea.

S. Korean leader: Ferry crew actions 'murderous'

BY GILLIAN WONG
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The Associated Press

JINDO, South Korea — South Korean President Park Geun-hye said Monday that the captain and some crewmembers of the sunken ferry committed "unforgivable, murderous behavior," while criticism of her own government's handling of the disaster grew. The captain initially told passengers to stay in their rooms and waited more than half an hour to issue an evacuation order as the ferry Sewol sank Wednesday. By then, the ship had tilted so much it is believed that many of the roughly 240 people still missing could not escape.

Park said at a Cabinet briefing,

"What the captain and part of the crew did is unfathomable from the viewpoint of common sense, unforgivable, murderous behavior." The comments were posted on the website of the presidential Blue House.

Park said that instead of following a marine traffic controller's instructions to "make the passengers escape," the captain "told the passengers to stay put while they themselves became the first to escape."

"Legally and ethically, this is an unimaginable act," she said.

The captain, Lee Joon-seok, and two crewmembers have been arrested on suspicion of negligence and abandoning people in need, and prosecutors said Monday that four other crewmembers have

been detained. Senior prosecutor Ahn Sang-don said prosecutors would decide within 48 hours whether to seek arrest warrants for the four — two first mates, a second mate and a chief engineer.

Lee, 68, has said he wanted to issue an evacuation order because the current was strong, the water was cold and passengers could have drifted away before help arrived. Maritime experts said he could have ordered passengers to the deck — where they would have had a greater chance of survival — without telling them to abandon ship.

Video showed that Lee was among the first people rescued. Some of his crew said he had been hurt, but a doctor who treated him said he had only light injuries.

US forces aiding S. Korea in search

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SEOUL, South Korea — A few weeks ago, U.S. and South Korean forces trained together in one of their largest-ever amphibious landing exercises — one of more than two dozen naval drills that take place between the two militaries each year. Now, some of the same troops are finding themselves working side by side in the search for missing passengers of a sunken ferry off South Korea's southwestern tip.

Two MH-60 helicopters, a U.S. Marine MV-22 and a UH-1Y Huey operating off the USS Bonhomme Richard are participating in search efforts in an area about 5 to 15 nautical miles from the Sewol, according to Commander, Naval Forces Korea.

As of Monday afternoon, the bodies of 64 passengers had been recovered, leaving nearly 240 people — many of them high school students — unaccounted for.

The Bonhomme Richard, an amphibious assault ship based in Sasebo, Japan, was conducting routine maritime operations in the Yellow Sea following recent U.S.-South Korea exercises when the ferry issued a distress signal shortly before 9 a.m. on April 16.

A spokesman for South Korea's Ministry of National Defense said Monday there are no plans for the Bonhomme Richard to leave the area and he did not know if additional U.S. military assets would be involved in the search. He said the Bonhomme Richard may be looking for bodies that have been washed away from the ferry while South Korean personnel focus on the ferry, itself.

Two Singapore-based U.S. Navy diving and salvage experts also are embarked aboard South Korea's amphibious ship Dokdo to advise South Korean navy personnel on diving operations.

The Bonhomme Richard's commanding officer wrote in a message posted Sunday on Facebook that 127 vessels were taking part in the South Korean-led rescue

efforts, and 560 South Korean divers were battling strong currents and cold water as they tried to reach the Sewol's passenger compartments.

"From the very moment we got the word of the ferry mishap — everyone has really gone above and beyond to bring help where it was needed," Capt. Joey "JTT" Tynch wrote.

His post said the ship was positioned about 25 nautical miles from the accident site, and South Korean aircraft were dropping illumination flares at night so work could continue around the clock.

U.S. Navy and Marine officers were on the Dokdo, and South Korean Navy officers were aboard to help coordinate U.S. assistance, he wrote.

"This follows the very detailed planning and operations we conducted with these same units during Ssang Yong last month," he said, referring to the joint amphibious landing exercise.

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Troubled history fuels Japan-China tension

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NANJING, China — Strolling through China's sprawling memorial to a 1937 massacre by Japanese troops, a 64-year-old retired teacher said the incident remains an open wound.

"Japan is a country without credibility. They pretend to be friendly, but they can't be trusted," Qi Houjie said as a rigid wind swept off the austere plaza of the Nanking Massacre Memorial Hall.

Across the waters, Japanese visiting a Shinto shrine in Tokyo that enshrines 14 convicted war criminals among 2.5 million war dead say they're tired of Chinese harping, underscoring a gradual hardening of attitudes toward China. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe sent a traditional offering to Yasukuni Shrine on Monday, the start of a three-day spring festival, but didn't visit the shrine last December's visit to a diplomatic firestorm.

"The harsher they criticize, the more strongly I feel it's not their business," said Ayumi Shiraishi, 28, a hotel employee who decided to see Yasukuni while on a recent trip to the Japanese capital. "It's a matter of the prime minister's belief, as he has said, and there is nothing wrong with that."

The Tokyo shrine and the memorial hall in Nanjing, as Nanjing is now called, are physical embodiments of divergent views of history that still strain China-Japan relations, 70 years after the war. They complicate America's objective of maintaining peace and stability in the Pacific as President Barack Obama starts a four-country Asian tour in Japan this week. The implications are potentially serious, particularly over contested uninhabited islands called Senkaku by Japan and Diaoyu by China.

Following Japan's nationalization of the islands in September 2012, violent protests targeting Japanese businesses and brands broke out in many Chinese cities, inadvertently underscoring the vital economic relationship between the sides that continues to defy the political chill.

More recently, newly installed officials at public broadcaster NHK drew fire when one denounced the Nanjing massacre — in which China claims 300,000 civilians and disarmed soldiers were murdered — happened and another downplayed the Imperial Army's use of sex slaves, an issue that has chilled Japan's relations with South Korea too.

Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida called those statements "regrettable" and said they don't represent the government's views. The government apologized to the former sex slaves in 1993 and more generally for its "colonial rule and aggression" on the 50th anniversary of the end of the World War II in 1995.

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OPINION

No basis for opposing HHS nominee

San Jose Mercury News

Sylvia Mathews Burwell is eminently qualified to take over for Kathleen Sebelius as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Service. So naturally, Republicans are lining up to voice opposition to her nomination.

A graduate of Harvard and Oxford, Burwell is a veteran of the Clinton White House and Treasury Department. She has led global health initiatives at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Walmart Foundation. She was confirmed as White House budget director by a 96-0 Senate vote and successfully led the effort to substantially reduce the deficit.

Opposing her selection by President Barack Obama for the HHS job may be the most glaring example of partisanship so far this year. And that's saying something.

Republican senators don't really object to Burwell. Not in the least. They're not talking about her qualifications or her positions on the issues. Republican leaders just see it as another opportunity to — yet again — trumpet their opposition to the Affordable Care Act.

They want to keep health care reform on the front burner in the hopes it will sway voters in November. And they know that the longer the department goes without a leader, the harder it will be to successfully implement the next round of reform challenges.

House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., was one of Burwell's leading proponents a year ago when Obama nominated her as budget director: "[She] has an impressive career in both the public and private sectors. She has firsthand experience in budgeting responsibility."

Even now, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., broke from the GOP party line with an honest assessment: "Sylvia Burwell is an excellent choice to be the next HHS secretary."



OLIVIER DOULIERY, APACA PRESS/AP

President Barack Obama nominates Sylvia Mathews Burwell to head the Department of Health and Human Services on April 11 at the White House in Washington.

The questions Burwell should be asked during Senate confirmation hearings include how she hopes to improve the federal government's health care website before the next round of sign-ups in November.

She should also explain how she will persuade health insurance companies and state regulators to reject rate increases for 2015. Millions of Americans have been taken off the roles of the uninsured, and the rise in medical costs is slowing. That should equate to stabilization of insurance costs.

Instead, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said, "I hope this is the start of a candid conversation about Obama-

care's shortcomings."

Since the Senate changed its rules governing confirmation hearings, Burwell needs only 51 votes to take assume leadership of HHS and its \$1 trillion budget. So we hope the GOP posturing will be just that.

If Republicans really want to scuttle the Affordable Care Act, they'll never get an Obama appointee to do it. They need a realistic alternative to accomplish First World health care in a nation that has been lagged behind other industrialized countries. So far, we've seen zilch.

This editorial originally appeared in the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News.

Kansas, the KKK and hate without end

By PETER GOTTSCHALK

The news that a former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan is suspected of shooting and killing three people near Jewish community centers in Kansas seems at first glance like a disparaged past flaring briefly into the present.

Americans like to imagine that the KKK belongs to a long-gone South and anti-Semitism to a distant 20th century. Sadly, this better reflects a naive faith in the nation's history of religious tolerance than the realities experienced by many religious minorities. Although the KKK has evolved and its membership has dwindled, it remains part of an American legacy of religious intolerance.

A central tenet of U.S. nationalism rests on a notion of welcoming huddled masses, but the idea of American exceptionalism also runs deep. When Americans have imagined their country's uniqueness as defined racially, religiously or culturally, those outside those parameters are immediately suspect. Sadly, religion has often served as the catalyst for prejudice.

The Puritans sought to build a "city upon a hill," which necessarily excluded "heathen" American Indians. In the early 19th century, Anglo Protestants viewed Irish Catholic immigrants as anti-sectarian subversives, burning a convent school in the Boston area in 1834 and sparking riots in 1844 that reduced some Philadelphia

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neighborhoods to combat zones.

In this century, a combination of right-wing politicians, conservative donors and professional Islamophobes often portray Muslim Americans as potential fifth columnists seeking to spread sharia law throughout the land.

As fantastic as such suspicions appear from afar, we cannot underestimate their reality among those who complain that "this is not the nation in which I was raised." As the nation continues to move away from a white and Christian norm — and especially during economic downturns — it becomes tempting to blame "outsiders" for the change from how "things used to be." Defining life as a zero-sum game, the "other's" success must necessarily come at the expense of "our" opportunity in a land "our ancestors" built.

The KKK has manifested this dynamic since it emerged in the South in the im-

mediate aftermath of the Civil War. Targeting newly freed blacks in an effort to maintain white supremacy, the KKK terrorized the region. However, passage of the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 and later, the institutionalized segregation of Jim Crow laws led to the Klan's rapid fading popularity.

The Southern Poverty Law Center estimates that the Klan now attracts only about 5,000 to 8,000 members. Their motivations prove more theologically and ideologically mixed than before, but they nevertheless remain potent.

Today, Jews report the highest number of religious hate crimes, but they are not alone. Since the 9/11 attacks, reports of religious hate crimes committed against Muslim Americans have skyrocketed, from the second-least reported to the second-most reported. The killing of six Sikhs in Oak Creek, Wis., in 2012 and similar assaults remind us that race, religion and nationalism continue to motivate hate crimes.

The religious pluralism evident in the United States testifies to the remarkable accomplishments the nation has made in promoting tolerance and inclusion. However, the recent sad news from Kansas reminds us that a pernicious current promoting racial, religious and national exclusivity continues to electrify an active third rail of American history.

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OPINION

If it happened there: US awaits royal baby

By JOSHUA KEATING

The latest installment of a continuing series in which American events are described using the tropes and tone normally employed by the American media to describe events in other countries.

WASHINGTON

Though free of monarchy for more than two centuries, Americans last week were strangely fascinated by the news that one of the country's pre-eminent political families will be producing its next heir. The news has produced baby fever in the nation's often sensationalist and highly partisan media and has sparked a new round of discussion about the role of powerful clans in the nation's public affairs.

The politics of the world's second-largest democracy have long been dominated by a handful of influential families. In recent decades, it has often been a brutal contest of wills between two rival clans in particular.

For the past year, however, neither of the country's most powerful dynasties has had a member serving in the executive mansion or the Cabinet — something that has not happened in 34 years. This week's news comes at a time when speculation is high that the Clinton dynasty may be angling to take the reins of power once more.

More than two decades ago, the Clintons swept out of the country's southern heartland — an economically depressed region with a bloody history — to storm the capital. They have dominated the national conversation ever since, as much for family patriarch Bill's prodigious appetites and often controversial public statements as for their fairly staid brand of center-left politics.

After Bill was forced by term limits to surrender power in 2000, his wife, Hillary, entered the national legislature and in 2008 followed in the footsteps of a number of the



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

Chelsea Clinton and her husband, Marc Mezvinsky, have announced that she is pregnant with the couple's first child.

Western Hemisphere's first ladies in recent years by running for the presidency.

She would have been the first female president of a country that, while highly westernized in many respects, still has

an overwhelmingly male-dominated political culture. In a shocking result, voters rejected the Clintons' bid to return to the executive mansion and Hillary was forced to settle for a four-year tenure as secretary

of state.

The couple's daughter, Chelsea, grew up in the public eye, and the announcement of her pregnancy last week drew attention from the normally staid broadsheets read by the country's elite as well the gossip-focused publications more popular with the general public here. The family's political opponents, meanwhile, griped that the timing of the announcement was not coincidental.

For while the country's next presidential election is more than two years away, speculation is already running high that Chelsea's mother will be making another bid to return the family to power. (Unlike nearby Guatemala, America has no law barring spouses of ex-presidents from seeking office.)

At the same time, Chelsea — a frequent presence on a pro-government broadcasting network — has recently suggested that she may have designs on public office at some point, raising the possibility that, like the Nehru/Gandhis of India or Aquinos of the Philippines before them, the Clintons could create a multiple-generation political dynasty. (Chelsea's child will not be eligible to occupy the country's highest office until the 2052 election.)

Meanwhile, the Clinton restoration may face a challenge from their longtime rivals the Bushes. Jeb, the younger brother of one former president and son of another, has lately been courting the support of the nation's growing foreign-born population but is mistrusted by many in his party's hard-line nationalist wing.

The Bush family recently welcomed a new member as well, a baby girl born to Jenna Bush Hager, raising the possibility that the bitter feud that has dominated and at times crippled this economically struggling nation's politics may last decades into the future.

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Does the West really understand Russia's Putin yet?

By KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON

The new "agreement" between Russia, the U.S. and our allies is exactly what the former KGB agent ordered.

This is to say it's not a good "prospect" for ending tensions in Ukraine, as President Barack Obama has said. But neither should it surprise anyone that Vladimir Putin is willing to step back from that country — not to ease economic sanctions but to satisfy his own designs.

The handwriting was on the palm of Nina Khrushcheva's hand, not that she needs notes.

Khrushcheva, who appeared recently in this space, has been right about all things Putin since anyone thought to query Nikita Khrushchev's great-granddaughter.

Earlier this year, when all wondered whether Putin would take Crimea, Khrushcheva said he would. When all worried that he might move into eastern Ukraine, she said he wouldn't. Her reasoning was that Putin didn't really want the hassle and expense of invading another country. At least not right now.

Khrushcheva also predicted that Putin would bring things to a close when he was ready, on his terms — even if they appear to be others' terms — until his own objectives are accomplished. His overall strategy wasn't to absorb economically stressed

Ukraine (let the West pump its money into those dire streets) but to appear that he might invade in order to earn grace when he didn't. The sin of annexing Crimea thus would be forgiven.

As a strategy, it seemed a circuitous route to a dubious and doubtful end, but perhaps it takes a Russian mind to understand a Russian mind. It can't hurt either that Khrushcheva grew up listening to the former premier who, once ousted, became persona non grata in the Soviet Union. She also bore witness to the propaganda machine that revivified Russia's and Nikita's history.

For further context, though Khrushcheva was by lineage Nikita's great-granddaughter, her mother was adopted by the former premier as his daughter and Khrushcheva was born and treated as a granddaughter. Khrushchev was especially fond of the bookish scamp who eventually left for the U.S. to attend Princeton University and today teaches international affairs, politics and propaganda at the New School in New York.

Obama is wise to reserve judgment on Putin's sincerity — we'll know when we know — but a betting man would do well to put his money on Khrushcheva's crystal ball. Her understanding of Putin's psyche is several notches above the talking points that news consumers have heard repeated ad nauseam. Yes, Putin wants to restore

To Putin's mind, he has emerged from these "diplomatic negotiations" — translated in Russian to mean "I did it my way" — as a tough statesman, generous in his restraint yet just scary enough to hold the world's attention.

the Russian empire to its former superpower status. But to the finer points of his massive ego, Putin is a muscled beach boy trying to build the biggest pyramid. It actually matters to him that his dog is bigger than yours.

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Many Russians, meanwhile, may feel their wounded pride somewhat salvaged by having rescued their brethren in Crimea. From their perspective, Putin has put their once-great nation back in play. As Putin knows (and we seem to have forgotten), it

is helpful in the game of geopolitical chess to be a little bit feared.

This approach may not be the intellectual's preference, but the jungle remains unschooled. Much as I hate to be the iconoclast, the lion and the lamb aren't ever going to lie down together, except for the latter to be eaten by the former. However, lest spirits flag in this season of rebirth, the Easter Bunny is real.

As is, alas, that wascally wabbit, Edward Snowden. The traitor/hero, take your pick, just happened to ask Putin on Russian TV whether that country spies on its citizens the way the U.S. does. Of course not, Putin assured his new best fugitive friend. One, Russia isn't as rich as America, he said. And, two, Russia is bound by the rule of law. Such propagandist grandstanding is so comical that outrage seems farcical.

Khrushcheva, her DNA a repository of the propaganda gene, snickers.

"I just can't get incensed about propaganda the way Americans do," she told me. "Here [in the U.S.], there is some fake Protestant belief that we engage in truth, but of course no one does. But it's the usual dance, American media have to react, Obama has to show resolve."

I didn't say Khrushcheva is a diplomat, but she probably ought at least to have a cubicle in the West Wing.

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WORLD

Made in Britain

London hospital touts lab-grown body parts

By MARIA CHENG
The Associated Press

LONDON — In a north London hospital, scientists are growing noses, ears and blood vessels in a bold attempt to make body parts in the laboratory.

It's far from the only lab in the world that is pursuing the futuristic idea of growing organs for transplant. But the London work was showcased this month as Mayor Boris Johnson announced a plan to attract more labs to do cutting-edge health and science research in the area.

While only a handful of patients have received the British lab-made organs so far — including tear ducts, blood vessels and windpipes — researchers hope they will soon be able to transplant more types of body parts into patients, including what would be the world's first nose made partly from stem cells.

"It's like making a cake," said Alexander Seifalian at University College London, the scientist leading the effort. "We just use a different kind of oven."

British authorities have invested nearly \$6.7 million in the plan to stimulate research in the London-Oxford-Cambridge area. It aims to attract companies to the

area to foster collaboration and promote research and manufacturing. A major center for biological research will open in London next year.

University College London is a partner in the campaign. During a recent visit to his lab there, Seifalian showed off a sophisticated machine used to make molds from a polymer material for various organs.

Last year, he and his team used that material to mold a nose for a British man who lost his to cancer. Then they added a salt and sugar solution to the mold to mimic the somewhat sponge-like texture of a natural nose. Stem cells were taken from the patient's fat and grown in the lab for two weeks before being used to cover the nose scaffold. Later, the nose was implanted into the man's forearm so that skin would grow to cover it.

Seifalian said he and his team are waiting for approval from regulatory authorities to transfer the nose onto the patient's face but couldn't say when that might happen.

The polymer material Seifalian uses for his organ scaffolds has been patented and he's also applied for patents for their blood vessels, tear ducts and windpipes.



PHOTOS BY MATT DUNHAM/AP

Alexander Seifalian holds a synthetic polymer nose at his research facility in the Royal Free Hospital in London.

‘It’s like making a cake. We just use a different kind of oven.’

Alexander Seifalian
University College London scientist

He and his team are creating other organs including coronary arteries and ears.

Later this year, a trial is scheduled to start in India and London to test lab-made ears for people born without them.

"Ears are harder to make than noses because you have to get all the contours right and the skin is pulled tight so you see its entire structure," said Dr. Michelle Griffin, a plastic surgeon who has made dozens of ears and noses in Seifalian's lab.

"At the moment, children who need new ears have to go through a really invasive procedure involving taking cartilage from their ribs," Griffin said. She added that they plan to eventually create an entirely synthetic face but must first prove their polymer scaffolds won't accidentally burst out of the skin.

"Scientists have to get things like noses and ears right before we can move onto something like a kidney, lungs or a liver, which is much more complicated," said Eileen Gentlemen, a stem cell expert at King's College London, who is not involved in Seifalian's



Dr. Michelle Griffin, a plastic research fellow, seeds stem cells into a synthetic polymer ear.

research. "What (Seifalian) has created is the correct structure and the fact that it's good enough for his patients to have a functional (windpipe), tear duct, etc. is pretty amazing," she said.

Seifalian hopes lab-made organs will one day be available for a few hundred dollars.

"If people are not that fussy,

we could manufacture different sizes of noses so the surgeon could choose a size and tailor it for patients before implanting it," he said.

"People think your nose is very individual and personal but this is something that we could mass produce like in a factory one day."



A synthetic polymer nose, left, and ear are preserved at a research facility in the Royal Free Hospital.

SHIFTING GEARS

Priced out of your dream car? Try these

BY JASON H. HARPER
Bloomberg News

One imagines that the people behind WhatsApp, the messaging service bought by Facebook for \$19 billion, are doing some new-car shopping. A payday like that promises major automotive upgrades. Throw out the Saturn and bring on the flashy Ferraris.

Those of us with no Silicon Valley deal in the works may have to set our sights lower. But don't give up on your dream of Sunday drives on winding back roads just yet. With a little creative purchasing, you can still satisfy that itch for a car as fun as a Porsche or as posh as an Infiniti. Call them satisfying downgrades.

If you can't afford this \$91,980 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 ...



... consider this \$34,495 Subaru WRX STI.



... consider this \$36,040 Toyota Highlander XLE.

How they stack up: Buyers love the Range Rover because of its dashing looks and go-anywhere personality. Owners imagine themselves traveling through the Sahara, though most Range Rovers are used as suburban people movers. The new generation is built on an aluminum frame, seats five, and is agile and comfortable on asphalt. It's also gob-smackingly expensive. The Toyota Highlander is the definition of a people mover, a milquetoast SUV with three rows of seating and as much personality as a hamster. Until now, anyhow. The all-new, third-generation machine has gone macho, with a brooding, masculine front end and overall swaggering attitude. The 2014 model is wider and longer, with a jazzed-up interior. It's also available as an all-wheel-drive.

Drive comparison: The base Range Rover gets 340 horsepower out of its supercharged 3-liter V-6. That's more powerful than the Toyota's 3.5-liter V-6, which has 270 hp. Yet the Highlander

handles itself admirably, charging up steep freeway hills and maintaining a balance of comfort and handling. My all-wheel-drive model, \$38,700 as tested, even braved off-road duty on snow-covered gravel roads. Its biggest failure is the sluggish six-speed automatic, which can't match the swiftness and intuitive nature of the Range's eight-speed ZF automatic.

You'll give up: The Range Rover's phenomenal off-road ability. And while the Highlander gleams like never before, there's no mistaking the Range Rover for anything but a luxury item.

Yet you'll get: A very smartly styled interior. The Highlander is full of clever storage spaces and details that make life easier. There's a long shelf that runs under the dash, designed for mobile phones and sunglasses. It even has a pass-through to accommodate chargers. The navigation system also beats the Range's. **Bottom line:** A Toyota that apes some of the Range Rover's manish swagger.

How they stack up: Porsche's latest-generation 911 4 is a civilized beast; easy to drive around town and savage on curvy roads. Subaru, meanwhile, is releasing its latest generation of the WRX STI, the brand's swing-for-the-fences sports car. Both the Porsche and Subaru have all-wheel-drive and use torque vectoring to help corner. Both are fast. And both are born to burn down back roads.

Drive comparison: The Porsche gets 350 horses out of

the flat six. The STI has a turbocharged four and makes do with only 305 hp. Yet in many ways the STI feels more alive on the road. The suspension is tuned to be race-car stiff, and you'll feel every ripple or crack on the surface of the road. Ask ridiculous things of it and it complies. You feel like you're part of the car. And the only transmission offered is a manual.

You'll give up: The comfort and overall usability of the 911. The

Porsche is sweet when it needs to be, and the interior is a glory. The Subaru has no interest in being sweet, ever, and the ride beats you up. The interior is sad-looking plastic.

Yet you'll get: Street credibility from the type of kids who play "Gran Turismo" video games and guzzle Monster energy drinks.

Bottom line: Take the WRX STI to any narrow back road, and you'll have at least as much fun as you would in the 911.

If you can't afford this \$49,500 Infiniti Q70 3.7 ...



... consider this \$35,100 Kia Cadenza.

leaving passengers unruffled. Yet it will happily lean into a curve. What the front-wheel-drive won't do is keep up with rear-wheel drive Q70 in a race. The Infiniti's 3.7-liter V-6 outguns the Kia's 3.3-liter V-6, 330 horses to 293 hp. The Q70 is also much stiffer, which will please performance-oriented drivers, if not their passengers.

You'll give up: Nameplate recog-

nition. Infiniti isn't the most desirable luxury carmaker these days, but some people will make a face when they hear the name Kia.

Yet you'll get: An exterior and interior that both feel remarkably fresh. That's a good-looking sedan.

Bottom line: Kia has benchmarked sedans like the Infiniti within an inch of their lives.

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'8THEIST' license plate denial draws lawsuit

NJ NEWARK — A New Jersey woman who says she was denied a license plate referencing atheism has filed suit, claiming her online application was rejected because it was deemed potentially offensive.

Shannon Morgan, of Maurice Township, said in a federal lawsuit filed Thursday that the Motor Vehicle Commission violated her First Amendment rights when its website rejected the plate reading "8THEIST." She said she received a message stating that her vanity plate request was ineligible as it "may carry connotations offensive to good taste and decency."

Morgan then filled out the online application using the phrase "BAPTIST" as a test, which the website accepted. Morgan claims in her lawsuit that she sent the agency a letter of complaint by registered mail and made several attempts to contact them by phone, all of which went unanswered.

Messages and emails left for the Motor Vehicle Commission by The Associated Press on Friday were not returned. A recorded message said the offices were closed in observance of Good Friday.

Man pleads guilty in flight-diversion case

AK ANCHORAGE — A man arrested after he was described as unruly behavior that caused a Tokyo to New York flight to be diverted to Anchorage has pleaded guilty to interfering with a flight crew.

U.S. Attorney Karen Loeffler's office on Friday announced the plea entered by Nobuya Michael Ochineru, 38.

Charging documents say the man was on several medications on Feb. 10 when he boarded the flight.

Court papers say Ochineru said he drank four shots of gin and two beers on board. Passengers and flight attendants said he pushed and berated them after he was refused further alcohol. He eventually was strapped to his chair until the plane landed in Anchorage. His blood alcohol content was measured at 0.137 percent.

Prosecutors said Ochineru has agreed to reimburse the airline for the diversion.

Sentencing is set for July 7.

Proposed initiative seeks to ban all pot

MT HELENA — A Billings car dealership owner is proposing a ballot measure to completely ban marijuana in Montana.

Steve Zabawa's proposal would change state law to say any Schedule I drug in the federal Controlled Substances Act "may not be legally possessed, received, transferred, manufactured, cultivated, trafficked, transported or used in Montana."

The proposal says the aim is to eliminate the disparity between federal and state law in possessing and using marijuana.

Montana allows the use of

THE CENSUS

\$225K

The price a gun thought to have been carried by Wyatt Earp during the famous O.K. Corral shootout in Tombstone, Ariz., sold for at auction. A telephone bidder made the winning bid for the Colt .45 revolver Thursday night. The auction of numerous items related to Earp and his family in Scottsdale, Ariz., brought in more than \$445,000.



DOUG STRICKLAND, CHATTANOOGA (TENN.) TIMES FREE PRESS/AP

Egg scramble

Children start running Saturday to collect candy and Easter eggs that were dropped into a field by a helicopter at an Easter festival hosted by Church of the Highlands in Harrison, Tenn.

marijuana for medical purposes. About 8,300 medical marijuana users are registered with the state.

Bystander foils attempt to steal baby on street

NY NEW YORK — An 8-month-old baby was nearly snatched by a stranger on a Manhattan street while being pushed in his stroller, police said, but a bystander intervened to foil the abduction attempt.

A 46-year-old woman was in custody and undergoing psychiatric evaluation Saturday. She hadn't been charged, at least as yet.

A nanny was pushing the stroller when a stranger walked up and tried to grab it from her Thursday afternoon in the Chelsea neighborhood, police said.

"She was saying, 'You're a liar! These are my babies!'" said UPS driver William Marte, who was nearby. He noticed the struggle and stepped in to help.

"I told the lady, 'Let it go — just keep going,'" and she did, he told reporters.

She was gone when police arrived. They found the suspect after putting up fliers with a sketch.

Marte, 51, said he "did what

came from my heart."

Professor: TV show pic drew suspension

NJ PARAMUS — A New Jersey professor claims he was suspended over an online photo containing a quote from "Game of Thrones" that he says a school official perceived as a threat.

Francis Schmidt, who teaches art and animation at Bergen Community College, said he was suspended for eight days after posting a photo in January of his 7-year-old daughter wearing a T-shirt with a quote from the graphic HBO show that read: "I will take what is mine with fire and blood."

Schmidt said school officials questioned whether the reference was meant as a threat against a dean, who was one of the people who viewed the post on Schmidt's Google Plus social media feed. The school has been embroiled in labor negotiations and Schmidt said he wondered if his suspension had to do with his filing a grievance after being denied a sabbatical about two months prior to the incident.

School spokesman Larry Havenka told The Associated Press on Friday the school had

followed its safety protocols in the case, which he called a private personnel matter.

Famed snowy owl set to be released from rehab

DC WASHINGTON — The snowy owl that captivated the region when it appeared in downtown Washington — only to get hit by a bus, evade police for hours and eventually wind up in a rehabilitation facility in Minnesota — finally was to be released back into the wild this past weekend.

After finishing rehab at the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center, the snowy owl was to be released Saturday along the northern border between Minnesota and Wisconsin, the center said Friday.

The female D.C. owl seemingly first appeared in downtown Washington in January, prompting pedestrians to stop, gawk and snap photos.

Man's body is found inside portable toilet

MI ST. CLAIR SHORES — Police in a northeastern Detroit suburb said they found a man's decomposed body inside a

portable toilet at a Lake St. Clair boat launching site.

St. Clair Shores police said they think the man may have been homeless and may have used the toilet for shelter during the frigid, snowy winter.

Police haven't released the man's name and said the cause of his death remains to be determined.

The body was found Saturday at a municipal boat launch about 10 miles northeast of Detroit.

Miss America: Don't suspend teen over invite

PA YORK — Miss America is asking a Pennsylvania school district to reconsider the punishment of a senior who asked her to prom during the question-and-answer portion of an assembly.

Nina Davuluri posted a statement on the Miss America Organization's Facebook page saying she contacted Central York High School to ask officials to rethink the three-day in-school suspension issued to Patrick Farves, 18.

Davuluri said her travel schedule will prevent her from attending the dance with Farves.

From wire reports

FACES

Michelle Obama planning a trip to 'Nashville'

The Associated Press

Michelle Obama is going a little bit country. The first lady's office says she'll appear on an episode of the television country music drama "Nashville." The episode, titled "All Or Nothing With Me," is scheduled to air May 12 on AFN-Spectrum. It will be set at Fort Campbell.

Mrs. Obama and the wife of Vice President Joe Biden, Jill Biden, actively promote a nationwide initiative to support military families that's called Joining Forces.

The first lady's appearance on "Nashville," by video, is also for Joining Forces.

Obama is already set to appear on the season finale of "Parks and Recreation," which will air April 28 and 29 on AFN-Prime.



'Transcendence' bombs at box office

By JESSICA GELT
Los Angeles Times

Disney's "Captain America: Winter Soldier" fended off its competition at the box office, holding onto the No. 1 spot for the third week in a row by drawing an estimated \$26.6 million, while the new science fiction thriller "Transcendence" finished fourth.

The animated family favorite "Rio 2" pulled in a solid \$22.5 million to finish second. On Easter weekend, faith was not forgotten as "Heaven Is for Real" opened at No. 3 with \$21.5 million.

"Transcendence," which stars Johnny Depp and cost an estimated \$100 million to make, is another box-office disappointment for the actor following the big-budget meltdown "The Lone Ranger" in 2013.

Lukewarm reviews and tepid word of mouth helped sink



WARNER BROS. PICTURES/AP

"Transcendence," starring Johnny Depp, couldn't rise above its critical reviews.

"Transcendence." It got a dismal 20 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes and earned a C-plus grade from CinemaScore, a company that polls moviegoers on opening night.

The top three films at the box office received A ratings from CinemaScore. Propelled by solid

reviews, "Captain America" became the 12th Marvel film to cross the \$200 million mark at the domestic box office.

"Heaven Is for Real" marks the fourth faith-based feature to do well this year, following "Noah," "God's Not Dead" and "Son of God."

With its strong early numbers and an A grade from CinemaScore, "Heaven Is for Real" looks poised to be the most successful of the films.

Based on the best-selling book of the same name, the film is about a father who works to share his son's experience of the afterlife after the son narrowly escapes death. The film stars Greg Kinnear and Kelly Reilly.

"A Haunted House 2" rounded out the top five, drawing a modest \$9.1 million. The low-budget comedy-horror film stars Marlon Wayans.

Whedon releasing film for digital download

The Associated Press

Joss Whedon is releasing a film he wrote as a \$5 digital download, bypassing the normal channels of independent film distribution.

In a video announcement Sunday following the premiere of the supernatural romance "In Your Eyes" at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York, Whedon says the film will immediately be released online via Vimeo On Demand and InYourEyesMovie.com.

The film stars Zoe Kazan and Michael Stahl-David. Whedon penned and produced it.

The release will be the second film release for Whedon's "micro studio" Belvedere Productions, following last year's adaptation of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

Whedon has experimented previously with digital releases. His 2008 miniseries "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" was among the first high-profile Web series.

Lohan says on TV show she had miscarriage

Lindsay Lohan says she suffered a miscarriage during the taping of her reality TV series.

The 27-year-old actress made the disclosure during Sunday's final episode of "Lindsay," the OWN cable channel series.

Lohan said the miscarriage was the reason that she was unable to appear on the program at one point. She said she was sick and unable to move. She didn't offer any further details.

Lohan began taping the OWN reality show shortly after leaving her sixth stint in rehab last summer.

Prince, music label reach agreement

Prince now owns the rights to the music he recorded on Warner Bros. Records after years of disputes and battles with the record label.

Warner Bros. announced April 18 it had reached an agreement with the pop icon, who was signed to the label from 1978 to the mid-1990s, during which time he re-

leased key projects like "Purple Rain," "1999," "Diamonds and Pearls," and "Around the World in a Day." Financial terms weren't disclosed.

Prince's new partnership will include the release of "previously unheard material" from his nearly two-decade tenure on the label. A 30th-anniversary edition of "Purple Rain" will be released this summer.

Other news

■ Miley Cyrus is postponing her U.S. tour while she recovers from an allergic reaction to antibiotics, but will resume her performances in August. The European leg of the tour is still scheduled to kick off May 2 in Amsterdam.

■ Credit card receipts, telephone records and production schedules show that "X-Men" franchise director Bryan Singer was not in Hawaii when a lawsuit claims he sexually abused a 17-year-old on the islands, defense attorney Marty Singer told The Associated Press on April 18.

■ The Discovery Network is canceling a daredevil's planned jump off the summit of Mount Everest in a wing suit May 11 in light of the avalanche that killed at least 13 people on April 18.

■ Grammy Award-winning singer Anita Baker has countered a company that says it hasn't been paid for work done on her Detroit-area home. The Detroit Free Press reported April 19 that Baker's attorney says lawyers for Ray A. Smith Painting & Decorating "intended to put her in as embarrassing a light as possible."

■ Country music singer Kevin Sharp, who recorded multiple chart-topping songs and survived a well-publicized battle with cancer, died Saturday of complications from past surgeries. He was 43. Sharp gained fame with the release of "Nobody Knows," a single on his 1996 debut album, "Measure of a Man."

■ Alistair MacLeod, the award-winning Canadian author who was best known for his short story collections and novel "No Great Mischief," has died. He was 77.



White observes Record Store Day with quick release

By KRISTIN M. HALL
The Associated Press

Jack White played his new single "Lazaretto" for a couple of hundred fans on April 19. Four hours later, a copy of the performance was available on a limited run of vinyl.

The singer and guitarist called it the "world's fastest-released record."

But don't look for it in the Guinness World Record Book, as White admitted he doesn't know if anyone else has attempted the feat. The stunt was a promotion for Record Store Day and his upcoming album, "Lazaretto."

White performed at his

Third Man Records label in Nashville. As he was playing, fans could watch on television the acetate record being cut in a room behind the stage.

After the title song from the upcoming album, he also recorded a cover of Elvis Presley's "Power of My Love," which was the B-side on the record. The master was then hustled over to the United Record Pressing plant, also in Nashville.

After the recording was finished, White played a short set of fan favorites, including "Hotel Yorba," along with songs from his new album, which will be released in June.

White said he was worried about so many things that could have gone wrong in the recording or pressing process that would have stalled the record.

"We had a horrible moment last night about 11 p.m. where the record cutter, the cutting mechanism blew up," White said. "So the only other cutter we had that we could use that was in town was a mono head, so we actually cut this single in mono, which I think is actually even cooler than the way we were gonna do it."

Three hours and fifty-five minutes after the performance, White was back at the store, waving high over his head the first copies of the vinyl, which were sold to eager fans who were waiting in line.

"I think for a while there a few years ago it was starting to become a joke in music that record stores don't exist anymore," White said. "But I think the people that have always been real music lovers have always been there."

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Spring sees scam season ramping up

By Susan Tompor

Detroit Free Press

Assistant U.S. Attorney Abed Hammoud picked up the phone one day to find a caller who had a great discount for Dish Network. The pitch sounded pretty good; all Hammoud had to do was pay up front for six months to receive a hefty discount.

But what stopped Hammoud from opting for the deal — and ultimately losing hundreds of dollars to a con artist? The caller told Hammoud to go to the store and put his cash on a prepaid Green Dot MoneyPak card. Hammoud tracks economic crimes and knew that the money would be gone once the prepaid card numbers were read over the phone to the con artists. It's as dangerous as wiring money to someone you don't know.

Legitimate companies aren't asking consumers to wire cash immediately or to buy prepaid money cards and then send off

the card or read the numbers over the phone.

Now that spring is here, the scam season moves into full swing. Someone can drive up in the neighborhood and suggest high-priced and needless repairs for a home or car. Or they might have a deal on building a deck or installing an alarm system.

We're looking at fake emails for the just-finished tax season that claim to need more information to process your federal income tax refund. The Internal Revenue Service is not sending out emails about your refunds; con artists are trying to get your ID and access to your bank account.

Another hot scam now: Get a pitch lately via email or regular mail for "an unclaimed Powerball" prize? Of course, the scammers want you to pay money up front for processing fees or taxes.

Crooks might use different polices, maybe saying you won a trip or a car and need to pay fees.

Or they might pretend to be a grandchild in trouble. Either way, one of the big red flags to a scam is when anyone urges you to buy a Green Dot card, put money on another prepaid card, or wire some money quickly.

By using bulk email, con artists steal the names and even logos of well-known retailers and banks to try to seem legitimate. After all, you're bound to hit a customer of a large bank or store even if you send random emails. Even government agencies might be named by con artists who want to gain crucial ID information.

The Federal Trade Commission is warning about emails with the subject line "Pending consumer complaint." The email looks like it's from the FTC and warns that a complaint against you was filed with the FTC. The email asks you to click on a link or attachment for more information or to contact the FTC.

Some con artists may even tap into lesser-known local

names, too.

Scams to watch out for

■ ID thieves use all sorts of tricks, such as pretending to offer a job or a loan and then asking for banking information or other personal information before one can "qualify."

■ Do not forget the door-to-door scams. Some scammers are claiming to be with the government and going door-to-door to sell fake medical discount plans. See <http://www.aarp.org/fightfraud>.

■ Other ways to avoid senior fraud: Never sign a blank insurance claim form. The FBI has warned that con artists read obituaries and call later to attend funeral services to take advantage of the grieving widow or widower. The scam: Someone claims the deceased owed him or her money and tries to settle a fake debt. See <http://www.ncoa.org> for tips from the National Council on Aging. Or see <http://www.stopfraud.gov>.

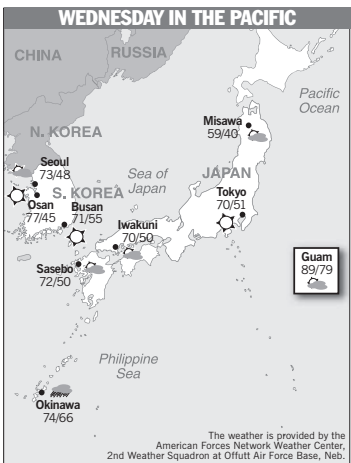
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Military rates	
Euro costs (April 22)	\$1.4205
Dollar buys (April 22)	€0.7040
British pound (April 22)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (April 22)	100.00
South Korean won (April 22)	1,011.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6797/0.5953
Canada (dollar)	1.1025
China (Yuan)	6.2321
Denmark (Krone)	5.4657
Euro (Pound)	0.9900
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3812/2.7040
Hungary (Forint)	222.67
Israel (Shekel)	3.4795
Japan (Yen)	109.62
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2814
Norway (Krone)	5.9842
Philippines (Peso)	44.43
Poland (Zloty)	3.30
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2529
South Korea (Won)	1,039.26
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8835
Thailand (Baht)	32.20
Turkey (New Lira)	2.1347
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Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	3.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.04
30-year bond	3.52

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Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Tex	81	60	Cir	Chatanooga	72	58	Rain	Fort Wayne	59	50	PCldy	Louisville	70	60	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	85	60	Cir	Cheyenne	71	41	Cir	Fresno	73	54	PCldy	Lubbock	81	56	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	61	54	Rain	Chicago	56	46	PCldy	Goodland	82	41	Cir	Macon	80	53	Cir
Albuquerque	67	44	Rain	Cincinnati	57	57	Cldy	Grand Junction	79	49	Cldy	Madison	57	48	Rain
Albuquerque	81	54	PCldy	Cleveland	58	54	Cldy	Great Rapids	53	42	Cldy	Medford	57	44	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	70	42	Rain	Colorado Springs	77	42	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	75	52	Rain	Memphis	76	60	Cldy
Amari, Ariz.	82	51	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	82	52	Cldy	Green Bay	68	45	Rain	Miami Beach	82	70	PCldy
Anchorage	50	35	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	78	57	Rain	Hartford	57	47	PCldy	Midland-Odesa	54	58	PCldy
Asheville	70	48	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	64	50	Cldy	Harrisburg	70	46	Rain	Minneapolis	49	42	PCldy
Atlanta	77	59	Rain	Concord, N.H.	66	38	Rain	Hartford	57	47	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	56	37	Cldy
Atlantic City	71	45	Rain	Corpus Christi	84	66	Cldy	Helena	66	44	Rain	Missoula	59	40	Rain
Austin	82	62	Cldy	Dallas-Ft Worth	82	62	Cir	Honolulu	84	72	Cldy	Mobile	57	42	Cldy
Baltimore	75	49	Rain	Dayton	63	56	Cldy	Houston	83	63	Cldy	Montgomery	79	59	Rain
Bat Rouge	83	61	PCldy	Daytona Beach	81	57	PCldy	Huntsville	75	59	Rain	Nashville	73	59	Rain
Bilings	78	45	Cldy	Denver	77	45	Cldy	Indianapolis	62	50	PCldy	New Orleans	79	62	PCldy
Birmingham	76	59	Rain	Des Moines	67	44	Cir	Jackson, Miss.	80	59	Cldy	New York City	68	49	Rain
Bismarck	66	33	Cir	Detroit	55	51	Cldy	Jacksonville	83	53	PCldy	Newark	71	48	Rain
Boise	56	49	Rain	Duluth	50	33	Cir	Juneau	53	33	PCldy	Norfolk, Va.	78	48	Cldy
Boston	67	45	Cldy	El Paso	89	62	PCldy	Kansas City	69	45	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	78	48	Cldy
Bridgeport	66	44	Rain	Elkins	68	49	Rain	Key West	82	71	PCldy	North Platte	75	40	Cir
Brownsville	85	66	Cldy	Erie	56	53	Rain	Knoxville	72	56	Rain	Oklahoma City	80	55	Cir
Buffalo	57	49	Rain	Eugene	56	44	Rain	Lake Charles	80	61	Cldy	Omaha	70	42	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	62	47	PCldy	Evansville	70	56	PCldy	Lansing	54	44	Cldy	Orlando	85	59	PCldy
Caribou, Maine	53	38	Rain	Fairbanks	54	30	PCldy	Las Vegas	84	68	Cldy	Paderborn	72	57	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	77	40	Rain	Fargo	60	33	PCldy	Lexington	69	58	Cldy	Pendleton	54	43	Rain
Charleston, W.Va.	83	52	PCldy	Flagstaff	67	37	Cir	Lincoln	72	42	Cldy	Philadelphia	72	50	Rain
Charlotte, N.C.	72	57	Rain	Fort Smith	78	57	Cir	Little Rock	79	61	PCldy	Phoenix	96	71	PCldy
								Los Angeles	68	58	PCldy	Pittsburgh	62	54	Rain

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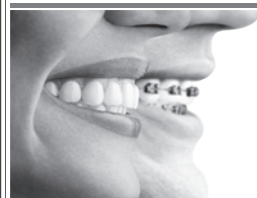
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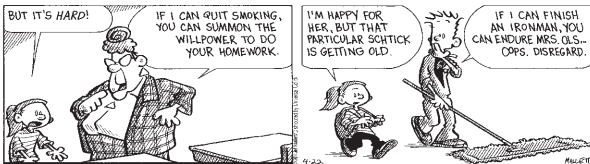


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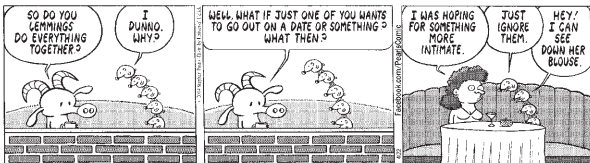
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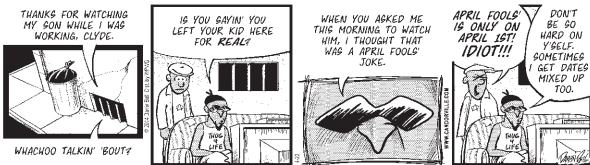
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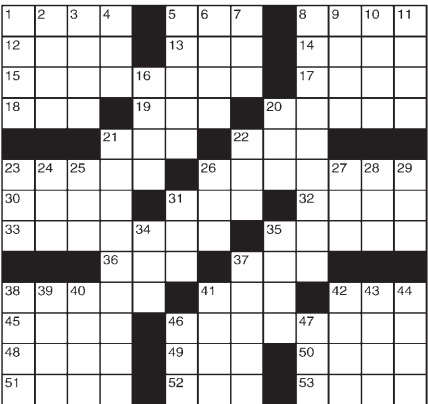
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- Mishap
- Family
- Commonest English word
- Cable channel
- Portable bottle
- Blackjack component
- Miss Piggy's pronoun
- Fast
- Agreement
- Grand tale
- Chesapeake, e.g.
- Operatic solo
- Break the rules
- Watt's power
- Carpet
- "Uialume" writer
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- "Oh, woe!"
- Skaters' venue
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- In favor of
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Knicks fire Woodson after 37-45 season

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Woodson was fired as coach the New York Knicks on Monday after his team fell from division champions to out of the playoffs in one season.

Phil Jackson, in his first big move since becoming team president in March, said in a statement "the time has come for change throughout the franchise."

The dismissal comes shortly after the Knicks completed a 37-45 season that began with their belief they were a serious contender.

Instead, they started poorly, making Woodson's job security practically a season-long distraction. A late surge wasn't good enough for a postseason spot or another year for Woodson.

Jackson has won an NBA-record 11 championships as a coach. He has repeatedly said he's not interested in returning to the bench, so he will have to hire someone before he turns his attention to the roster. The team said the coaching search begins immediately.

Jackson said he has a "tremendous amount of respect" for Woodson and the team "owes a great deal of gratitude" to him and his staff. Jackson called this an "extremely difficult" season and said "blame should not be put on one individual."

"But the time has come for change throughout the franchise as we start the journey to assess and build this team for next season and beyond," he added.

Woodson, a former Knicks first-round draft pick, was hired as an assistant coach before the 2011-12 season, then engineered an 18-6 finish after replacing Mike D'Antoni on an interim basis the following March to capture a playoff spot. Given a multiyear deal two months later, he then led them to a 54-28 record last season and the Knicks' first Atlantic Division championship since 1994.

New York then beat Boston in the playoffs, its first series victory since 2000, and general man-

ager Steve Mills picked up next season's option year on Woodson's contract before this season began.

But the Knicks were saddled with some early injuries, including center Tyson Chandler's broken leg, and Madison Square Garden chairman James Dolan was already considering replacing Woodson by December, when he met with Jackson at a holiday party and talked to him about coaching the team.

Carmelo Anthony praised his coach Thursday, but it was probably a clear sign Woodson wouldn't be back a few minutes later when Amare Stoudemire said the coach hadn't taken part in the exit meetings with players that Jackson and Mills held.

Woodson previously coached six seasons with the Atlanta Hawks, leading them to the playoffs in his final three seasons. He has a career record of 315-365.

In other NBA news: ■ Minnesota Timberwolves coach Rick Adelman has decided to retire from coaching after 23 seasons in the NBA. He will continue to serve as an adviser for the franchise. He is eighth on the list of all-time wins by a coach with 1,042 with Minnesota, Portland, Sacramento and Houston.

Kuchar wins PGA's RBC Heritage tournament

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina — Matt Kuchar overcame a four-stroke deficit to finally finish on top, his stunning chip-in on the 18th hole giving him a 64 and a victory at the RBC Heritage on Sunday.

Kuchar was four shots behind Luke Donald at the start but had seven birdies on his first 10 holes. He had a birdie put of less than 8 feet at the par-3 17th, but three-putted for bogey to fall into a share of first.

Kuchar was in more trouble in a bunker at Harbour Town Golf Links' closing lighthouse hole. That's when he blasted out and



BILL KOSTROUN/AP

The New York Knicks fired head coach Mike Woodson on Monday after falling from division champions to a 37-45 record and out of the playoffs in one season. Woodson previously coached six years with the Atlanta Hawks, leading them to the playoffs in his final three seasons. He has a career record of 315-365.

watched the ball rattle in for birdie. Kuchar punched the air and raised his arms in celebration of what would be his seventh career PGA Tour win.

In other golf news:

■ Miguel Angel Jimenez held off Bernhard Langer to win the Greater Gwinnett Championship in Duluth, Ga., becoming only the third player to lead from start to finish in his Champions Tour debut.

Jimenez was coming off a fourth-place finish in the Masters and closed with a 67 to finish two strokes ahead of Langer. Jimenez finished the tournament with 32 consecutive holes without a bogey.

Jay Haas shot 67 and was third, four shots off the lead. Fred Couples shot 70 and was fourth.

■ Lee Westwood faced a two-year winless drought with

a seven-shot victory at the Malaysian Open in Kuala Lumpur: Westwood shot a 4-under par 68 for an 18-under 270 at the Kuala Lumpur Country Club course and his 36th career win.

Texas Tech F Tolbert transferring to SMU

DALLAS — Forward Jordan Tolbert is transferring from Texas Tech to SMU, with the Mustangs hoping he will be eligible to play next season.

Tolbert averaged 10.7 points and 5.7 rebounds in three seasons as a starter. He was the second-leading scorer and rebounder for the Red Raiders this past season. He led Texas Tech at 11.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game as a freshman.

Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith

released Tolbert from his scholarship and SMU is seeking a waiver that would make him eligible next season. Otherwise, Tolbert will have to sit out until 2015-16.

In other college basketball news:

■ Tennessee State has hired Illinois State assistant Dana Ford as its men's basketball coach. Ford succeeds Travis Williams, who was fired last month after going 23-40 in two seasons. Tennessee State went 5-25 this season.

Reed joins group trying to keep Bills in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Hall of Fame receiver Andre Reed has joined a Bills' fan group trying to keep the team in Buffalo.

The former Bills star is one of 14 members named to the Buffalo Fan Alliance advisory board Monday. Other board members are former Bills kicker Steve Christie, former New York Giants receiver Phil McConkey and NBC correspondent Luke Russert.

The alliance was formed two years ago and has set a goal of raising \$200 million. The money would be made available as an interest-free loan to prospective Bills owners to offset costs.

The Bills' future is uncertain after last month's death of owner Ralph Wilson. The team will be put up for sale, raising the possibility of a move.

Al Unser Jr. to race again at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — Al Unser Jr. will race again at Indianapolis Motor Speedway during a Sports-car Vintage Racing Association event in June.

The two-time Indianapolis 500 winner will compete in the "Indy Legends Pro-Am." The June 8 feature on Indy's road course is for veterans of the Indianapolis 500 and already has an announced field that includes Lyn St. James, Willy T. Ribbs and Mark Donohue.

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NHL PLAYOFFS



BEN MARGOT/AP

San Jose Sharks' Dan Boyle, right, moves the puck behind the net as Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick defends during the second period of Game 2 of their Western Conference first-round playoff series on Sunday in San Jose, Calif. The Sharks won 7-2 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Sharks put Kings in 2-0 hole

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Sharks got a spark from an unusual place and turned a close game into another laughter against Jonathan Quick and the Los Angeles Kings.

Fourth-liners Mike Brown and Raffi Torres scored second-period goals to erase an early two-goal deficit and the Sharks rolled to a 7-2 victory Sunday over the Los Angeles Kings and a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

"They got us going and everybody followed," coach Todd McLellan said. "You need that to have success. Success has only been two games. We've got a lot left. But you need to have everybody stirring the drink if you will."

Justin Braun, Patrick Marleau, Joe Pavelski, Logan Couture and Joe Thornton also scored for the Sharks, who overcame a two-goal deficit after the first period of a playoff game for just the third

time in 26 tries in franchise history. Antti Niemi made 24 saves.

The Sharks matched a franchise playoff record with seven goals in a game and have 13 goals through two games after managing just 10 in a seven-game loss to Quick and the Kings last year.

"He's probably the best goalie in the league, so to do that two games in a row, it's an oddity," Thornton said. "We've been working hard for our goals and the fourth line got this game back on our grip for us, but scoring seven ... just a weird night."

Jake Muzzin and Trevor Lewis scored first-period goals before Quick allowed seven goals in the final two periods. Los Angeles heads home for Game 3 on Tuesday looking to get back into this series.

The Kings can take comfort in the fact that the home team has won 18 of the previous 19 games between these teams, including nine in the playoffs.

Los Angeles also overcame a 2-0 deficit in the first round against

St. Louis last year, but those were one-goal games instead of blowouts.

"I wouldn't exactly call it new," captain Dustin Brown said. "We were in the same situation last year. We came up here twice and didn't get anything that we wanted. ... Now we go home and we take care of our home ice."

The Kings appeared poised to steal home-ice advantage when they scored twice in the first period and Quick responded after allowing five goals in two periods of a 6-3 loss in Game 1 on Thursday.

But the Sharks seized momentum in the second period thanks to a decision to drop Pavelski to the third line and a spark from the fourth line.

The Sharks took the lead late in the period when Braun beat Quick with a shot from the point through a screen by Tommy Wings.

Marleau, Pavelski and Couture turned it into a blowout with goals off odd-man rushes in the third before Thornton scored a power-play goal.

Flyers shut down Rangers, tie series

By IRA PODELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — This win was three years in the making for backup goalie Ray Emery and the rest of the Philadelphia Flyers.

Emery stood in again for injured No. 1 netminder Steve Mason and made 31 saves to help the Flyers rally from an early two-goal deficit and beat the New York Rangers 4-2 on Sunday to even the first-round playoff series.

The Flyers had lost nine straight at Madison Square Garden, including 4-1 in the series opener on Thursday, since their last win there on Feb. 20, 2011. Emery hadn't won a postseason game anywhere in exactly three years for Anaheim at Nashville.

"I try to stay even-keeled, whether it's going well or you don't get off to the start you want," the 31-year-old Emery said. "I play with a system in there, and I just kind of rely on that. I've had leads before and I've been down before so it's just kind of a consistent approach."

Luke Schenn scored the go-ahead goal in the second period after Jakub Voracek and Jason Akeson got the Flyers even at 2. Wayne Simmonds sealed the win with a power-play, empty-net goal.

Now the Flyers head home, where they went 2-0 against the Rangers in the regular season. Game 3 is on Tuesday.

Philadelphia no longer has to hear about its skid in New York in which the Flyers were outscored 35-10 and never had more than two goals in any game.

"That's a huge weight off our shoulders, to come in here and get the split," Schenn said. "Going back home, we feel a bit better about ourselves."

Voracek brought the Flyers within 2-1 in the first after Martin St. Louis and Benoit Pouliot staked New York to its lead. Emery did the rest, looking especially sharp in the second and third periods.

Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots after a 14-save winning effort in the opener.



KATHY WILLEMS/AP

Philadelphia Flyers' Jakub Voracek (93) maneuvers the puck in front of New York Rangers defenseman Marc Staal in the third period of Game 2 of their Eastern Conference first-round series at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sunday. The Flyers won 4-2 to tie the best-of-seven series 1-1.

"They came back pretty strong late in the first, and then in the second period a lot better," Lundqvist said. "Going into the third we felt confident we could tie it."

The tide turned in the second when the Flyers went ahead despite being outshot 17-9.

Akeson tied it with a power-play goal 5:45 in after a rebound of Brayden Schenn's shot for his second career NHL tally.

It was a day of redemption for the 23-year-old Akeson, playing his fourth NHL game. His double high-sticking penalty in Game 1 led to two Rangers goals that turned a 1-1 game into a 3-1 deficit in the third.

Philadelphia grabbed its second lead of the series with 8:42 left in the second during a delayed penalty. Michael Raffl brought the puck in on the right side and got it to Adam Hall for a shot. Luke Schenn then put in the rebound.

The Rangers' chance for a comeback was thwarted by a penalty for too many men with 1:18 left that led to Simmonds' goal with 25.4 seconds remaining.

Canadiens push Lightning to brink

The Associated Press

MONTREAL — The Montreal Canadiens looked as if they would cruise to an easy win when Rene Bourque scored only 11 seconds into the game.

But the Canadiens needed a third-period goal from Tomas Plekanec and some fine saves from Carey Price to down the Tampa Bay Lightning 3-2 on Sunday night and take a 3-0 lead in their NHL Eastern Conference first-round playoff series.

The victory gave Montreal a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series with a chance to sweep the Lightning on home ice in Game 4 on Tuesday night.

"We've seen many scenarios

in the playoffs and we have to have the same approach for the next game as we had for the last three," said Montreal defenseman P.K. Subban, who had a pair of assists. "We know they'll fight until the final buzzer, so we have to be ready next game."

Brendan Gallagher also scored for Montreal. Ondrej Palat, back after missing a game with an injury, and defenseman Matthew Carle scored for Tampa Bay.

Montreal outshot the Lightning 31-29, but there were tense moments and a disputed, disallowed goal as the visitors pushed back in the second and third periods.

"Clearly, that was the best game we've played in this series. I thought they deserved a better fate.

Ultimately, it's a loss and that's what hurts the most," Tampa Bay coach Jon Cooper said.

The sellout crowd of 21,273 at Bell Centre was still roaring after joining old-time Quebec pop singer Ginette Reno in the Canadian national anthem when Subban bounced a pass up the middle of the ice and Bourque collected it behind the Lightning defense and scored 11 seconds into the game.

Palat tied it 8:39 into the second period as he put away the ricochet of a Steven Stamkos shot off Mike Weaver's skate on Tampa's first power play.

Plekanec scored what would be the game-winner when he threaded a shot through from the right circle 5:43 into the third period.



GRANAN HUGHES, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Montreal Canadiens' Rene Bourque, left, scores on Tampa Bay Lightning goalie Anders Lindback 11 seconds into the first period of Game 3 of their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series at Bell Centre in Montreal on Sunday. The Canadiens won 3-2 to take a 3-0 lead in their best-of-seven series.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

(Best-of-7; x if necessary)

Detroit 1, Boston 1

Detroit 1, Boston 0
Detroit 1, Detroit 1

Tuesday: Boston at Detroit

Saturday: Detroit at Boston

x-April 26: Boston at Detroit

x-April 26: Detroit at Boston

Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 0

Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT

Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday: Tampa Bay at Montreal

x-Thursday: Montreal at Tampa Bay

x-April 27: Tampa Bay at Montreal

x-April 28: Montreal at Tampa Bay

Pittsburgh 1, Columbus 1

Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3

Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT

Monday: Pittsburgh at Columbus

Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Columbus

Saturday: Columbus at Pittsburgh

x-April 26: Pittsburgh at Columbus

x-April 26: Columbus at Pittsburgh

N.Y. Rangers 1, Philadelphia 1

N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1

Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 2

Tuesday: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia

Friday: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia

April 27: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers

x-April 28: N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia

x-April 30: Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers

Western Conference

Colorado 2, Minnesota 0

Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT

Colorado 4, Minnesota 2

Monday: Colorado at Minnesota

Thursday: Colorado at Minnesota

x-Saturday: Minnesota at Colorado

x-April 26: Colorado at Minnesota

x-April 26: Minnesota at Colorado

St. Louis 2, Chicago 0

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT

Monday: St. Louis at Chicago

Wednesday: St. Louis at Chicago

x-Friday: Chicago at St. Louis

x-April 27: St. Louis at Chicago

x-April 28: Chicago at St. Louis

Anaheim 2, Dallas 0

Anaheim 3, Dallas 3

Anaheim 1, Dallas 2

Monday: Anaheim at Dallas

Wednesday: Anaheim at Dallas

x-Friday: Dallas at Anaheim

x-April 27: Anaheim at Dallas

x-April 28: Dallas at Anaheim

San Jose 2, Los Angeles 0

San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3

San Jose 4, Los Angeles 2

Tuesday: San Jose at Los Angeles

Thursday: San Jose at Los Angeles

x-Saturday: Los Angeles at San Jose

x-April 28: San Jose at Los Angeles

x-April 30: Los Angeles at San Jose

Sunday

Sharks 7, Kings 2

Los Angeles 2, 0-0-0

San Jose 3, 4-7-7

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Muzzin 2

(Doughty, Kopitar), 1-51, 2, Los Angeles,

Lewis 2 (Carter), 9-53

Second Period—3, San Jose, M.Brown 1

(Desjardins), 9-04, 5, San Jose, Braun 1

(Sheppard, Pavelski), 14-45

Third Period—6, San Jose, Marleau 2

(Nieto, Couture), 1-08, 7, San Jose, Pavelski

1 (Bortuzzo), 4-07, 8, San Jose, Couture

1 (Marleau, Nieto), 8-08, 9, San Jose,

Thornton 2 (Pavelski, Boyle), 10-06

(9-9)

Shots on Goal—Los Angeles 10-7-9—

25, San Jose 12-13-30—55

Power-play opportunities—Los Angeles

11, San Jose 10

Goals—Los Angeles, Quicke 0-2-0 (40

shots-33 saves), San Jose, Niemi 2-0-0

(33-27)

A—17,562 (17,562), T—2:35.

Bruins 4, Red Wings 1

Detroit 0, 1-1-2

Boston 2, 1-1-4

First Period—1, Boston, Florek, 1-7-28,

2, Boston, R.Smith 1 (Eriksson, Bergeron),

10:35 (pp)

Second Period—3, Detroit, Glendening

(Helm, D.Miller), 13-20, 4, Boston, Lucic

1 (Giroux, Krug), 18-16

Third Period—5, Boston, Chara 1 (Gin-

gria, Krug), 2-27 (pp)

Shots on Goal—Detroit 10-13-25—

Boston 18-6-29

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 0

of 4; Boston 2 of 4

Goals—Detroit, Howard 1-1-0 (29

shots-25 saves), Boston, Rask 1-1-0 (35-34)

A—17,565 (17,565), T—2:31.

Canadiens 3, Lightning 2

Tampa Bay 0, 1-1-2

Montreal 1, 1-1-3

First Period—1, Montreal, Bourque 3

(Subban), 11

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Palat 1

(Stamkos, Hedman), 8-39 (pp), 3, Montre-

al, Gallagher 2 (Subban, Eller), 18-10

Third Period—4, Montreal, Plekanec

2 (Prust, Gallagher), 5-43, 5, Tampa Bay,

Carrie 1 (Stamkos, Gades), 11-36

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 8-12-9—29,

Montreal 13-7-11—31

Power-play opportunities—Tampa

Bay 1 of 1; Montreal 6 of 6

Goals—Tampa Bay, Lindback 0-3-0

(31 shots-28 saves), Montreal, Price 3-0-0

(29-27)

A—21,273 (21,273), T—2:37.

Flyers 4, Rangers 2

Philadelphia 1, 2-1-4

N.Y. Rangers 2, 0-0-2

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, St. Louis

1 (Shepan, Nash), 4-08, 2, N.Y. Rangers,

Pouliot 1 (Brassard, Zuccarello), 8-22

(pp), 3, Philadelphia, Voracek 1 (Hartnell,

Giroux), 14-14

Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Ak-

erson 1 (B.Schenn, Lecavalier), 5-45 (pp),

5, Philadelphia, L.Schenn 1 (Hall, Raffl),

11-18

Third Period—6, Philadelphia, Sim-

monds 1 (Read), 19-34 (en-pp)

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 9-8-25—

N.Y. Rangers 9-17-33

Power-play opportunities—Philadel-

phia 2 of 5; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 6

Goals—Philadelphia, Emery 1-1-0 (33

shots-31 saves), N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist

1-1-0 (24-21)

A—18,006 (18,006), T—2:36.

Playoff leaders

Scoring

Through April 20

GP	G	A	PTS
Paul Stastny, Col	2	3	4
Nathan MacKinnon, Col	2	1	7
Ryan Getzlaf, Anh	2	2	4
Matt Wikkane, Pitt	2	2	4
Brent Seabrook, Chi	2	2	4
Brendan Gallagher, Mon	2	3	2
Steven Stamkos, TB	2	2	2
Kevin Stattenkirk, STL	2	1	3
Lars Eller, Mon	2	1	3
Paul Martin, Pitt	2	0	4
P.K. Subban, Mon	2	0	3
Rene Bourque, Mon	2	0	3
Logan Couture, SJ	2	0	3
Jack Kopitar, Col	2	1	3
Patrick Marleau, SJ	2	0	3
Martin St. Louis, NYR	2	1	3
Brad Richards, NYR	2	1	3
Logan Couture, SJ	2	0	3
Sidney Crosby, Pitt	2	0	3
Zach Parise, Min	2	0	3
Brandon Sahl, CHI	2	0	3
Mikael Vukobratovic, Min	2	0	3
Matt Nieto, SJ	2	0	3
James Sheppard, SJ	2	0	3

Goalending

GP	SV	GAA
2-58	2	1.02
29-39	4	2.02
31-24	4	2.02
30-7	2	1.12
30-10	3	2.50
26-50	5	2.50

Tuukka Rask, Bos

Henrik Lundqvist, NYR

Jimmy Howard, Det

Carey Price, Mon

Ryan Miller, SJ

Felix Potvin, Ana

Antti Niemi, SJ



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Red Wings goalie Jimmy Howard makes a save as defenseman Kyle Quincey, right, tries to clear out Boston's Loui Eriksson in the first period on Sunday in Boston. The Bruins won 4-1 to tie the series 1-1.

Bruins respond in Game 2

Boston's special-teams play sparks win over Detroit to knot series

By HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Two power-play goals and stingy penalty killing ended the Boston Bruins' offensive drought and tied their playoff series at 1-1.

Reilly Smith and Zdeno Chara scored with a man advantage, the Detroit Red Wings got just one shot on goal on their four power plays and Boston won 4-1 in Game 2 on Sunday.

"We don't get too many power plays, so it was good to be able to get them and be able to capitalize early," Smith said.

He scored his first career play-off goal 10:35 into the game, just over three minutes after Justin Florek's fluke goal gave the Bruins a 1-0 lead at 7:28. They finished the first period with 18 shots on goal. Jimmy Howard after managing just 25 in losing Friday night's opener 1-0.

Game 3 of the best-of-seven series between the top-seeded Bru-

ins and eighth-seeded Red Wings is Tuesday in Detroit.

Luke Glendening cut the lead to 2-1 at 13:20 of the second period before Milan Lucic scored late in the second and Chara added his power-play goal early in the third.

Boston's power play was much improved this season, finishing third at 21.7 percent. And Smith scored just 20 seconds after Boston's two-man advantage ended.

"Getting pucks to the net was obviously a big factor, especially (after) last game not scoring a goal," he said. "We're not getting too many pucks to the net at the start and you have a five-on-three and you're able to fire as many as you want. So that definitely changed the pace of the game and we benefited off of it."

When the Red Wings had the extra skater, they never threatened.

"It seems like we got hesitant and we weren't as assertive as we normally are," Detroit forward Daniel Alfredsson said. "That's

been one of our strong suits ... setting up in the other team's end."

It wasn't just Detroit's special teams that struggled.

"I thought we were ineffective, period," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "They were engaged. They won the battles. They were quick. We were slow."

Florek, filling in for the injured Chris Kelly on the third line, scored after Howard and defenseman Brendan Smith, Reilly's brother, missed on a pass.

Howard came out of his skating to collect a loose puck and passed it toward Smith, who was keeping back along the right boards. But the puck bounced off Smith's right calf and into the circle where Florek shot quickly before Howard could get back.

Smith made it 2-0 after Howard stopped Patrik Bergeron's shot from the blue line with several Bruins in front of him. Loui Eriksson poked the puck between Howard's legs. Smith then skated behind Howard and tapped it in.

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MLB

Early brawl mars Brewers' win over Pirates

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ryan Braun homered in the ninth inning to tie it, then Kris Davis hit a home run in the 14th that put Milwaukee ahead for good.

Yet those were hardly the big blows that attracted all the attention Sunday in the Brewers' 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Brewers center fielder Carlos Gomez, Pirates outfielder Travis Snider and Milwaukee bench coach Jerry Narron were ejected after a shouting match quickly escalated into a punch-filled brawl in the third.

"I'm not apologetic for anything that I did today," Gomez said. "I was just doing my job."

The problems started when Gomez paused at the plate and flipped his bat to watch his two-out drive off Pirates starter Gerrit Cole.

Gomez said he thought the ball would be caught. Instead, it hit the wall and he sped into third base, making a headfirst slide for a triple.

Cole, who was near third base backing up the play, stormed toward Gomez and they exchanged words.

Cole said he told Gomez: "If you're going to hit it out of the ballpark, then you can stop and look at it. But if you're going to hit just a fly ball to center field, then don't stand and look at it."

That didn't sit well with Gomez. He took a couple steps toward Cole and the benches



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

The Pirates' Travis Snider, left, takes down the Brewers' Carlos Gomez as Brewers' Rickie Weeks, right, joins a skirmish during the third inning Sunday. Gomez and Snider, along with Brewers bench coach Jerry Narron, were ejected from the game.

and bullpens emptied.

"Everything had stopped," Gomez said. "He told me something. I told him back, then I talked to the umpire. Then Snider came like a superhero, trying to throw punches at everybody. I just tried to protect myself."

Milwaukee's Martin Maldonado came from the dugout and threw a punch that knocked off Snider's hat.

"We're a family," said Maldonado, who expects to be suspended. "I see two guys over Gomez, so I tried to protect him."

Snider, who wasn't in the game, and

Gomez shoved each other, and the Brewers star fell to the ground.

Pirates catcher Russell Martin called Maldonado's swing a "sucker punch" and had to be restrained by teammate Gaby Sanchez as he walked off the field.

Last September, Gomez was in the middle of the bench-clearing brawl after arguing with Atlanta pitcher Paul Maholm while rounding the bases after homering.

Milwaukee manager Ron Roenicke said he fears Gomez could develop a reputation as a guy who starts conflicts. But he said he found little fault in the way Gomez initially handled Cole's challenge.

"[Cole is] the one that started it all," Roenicke said. "If you start it, we're going to respond. Gomez's not going to sit there and not say anything."

Gomez said he planned to appeal any suspension.

The Brewers won their third in a row. Pittsburgh has lost three in a row and five of six.

Cole allowed one run and six hits in a career-high eight innings, striking out six.

Cole appeared to be in line for the win after Jose Tabata's eighth-inning infield single scored Ike Davis to give the Pirates a 2-1 lead. Roenicke challenged the call, but the play was upheld.

Braun hit his sixth homer with one out in the ninth, giving Pittsburgh closer Jason Grilli his second blown save in as many games.

Span's sacrifice fly in ninth lifts Nats

BY BENJAMIN STANDIG

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Denard Span's approach with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning proves math pays off.

Facing a five-man infield, Span hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth and the Washington Nationals, with Bryce Harper back in the lineup and stealing his first base of the season, rallied past the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 Sunday.

The Nationals loaded the bases against Seth Maness (0-1) when Danny Espinosa singled through third baseman Matt Carpenter's legs with one out for his third hit, Jose Lobaton singled through the right side of the infield and pinch hitter Nate McLouth walked.

In his second game since being activated from the seven-day disabled list following a concussion, Span lofted a fly to left field. Espinosa easily beat the throw from Jon Jay, who shifted over from right field as St. Louis brought in an extra infielder.

"I counted: one, two, three, four, five," Span said. "Right there I told myself a groundball probably not going to do it. Try to get the ball in the air somehow."

After Espinosa crossed home, the Nationals mobbed Span, who suddenly had something else on his mind.

"I was screaming so loud, so loud in the moment, but at the same time I'm thinking don't hit me upside the head too hard because

I just came off the DL," said the smiling center fielder, who grounded out with the bases full in the sixth before delivering the game-winner.

The Nationals split the four-game series. They had lost eight of the previous nine meetings with the Cardinals going into the series wrap-up.

"That's a play I'm expecting to make and a play that I expect myself to make and I didn't make it," Carpenter said of his ninth-inning whiff. "It ended up costing us." Harper started in left field and went 1-for-4. The two-time All-Star was pulled from the game a day earlier for what manager Matt Williams called a "lack of hustle" after he failed to run out a comebacker to the mound.

The two spoke before Sunday's game.

"I sat with him for a couple of minutes in his locker and told him I'm confident in him and I'm proud of him and he was going to have impact today, which he did," Williams said.

Harper had a somewhat different take on the conversation with Williams, as far as length goes. "He just said, 'Go get 'em.' That's the three words he said," Harper said. "It's good to get back out there and play and be part of a win."

Harper was left stranded at second base as the possible go-ahead run as Anthony Rendon struck out against Pat Neshek in the eighth.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

The Nationals' Denard Span, center is doubled by relief pitcher Tyler Clippard after Span hit the game-winning sacrifice fly for the Nationals' 3-2 victory over the Cardinals on Sunday.

Rafael Soriano (1-0) pitched one inning for the win.

The Cardinals took an early edge against Stephen Strasburg and led 2-0 going into the seventh.

Washington tied the game with four straight singles off reliever Carlos Martinez, including RBI hits from Ian Desmond and Espinosa.

Strasburg struck out nine in six innings. Shelby Miller left with the lead after pitching 5½ innings for the Cardinals. He also hit a two-out, RBI double off Strasburg in the fourth.

Washington left 17 runners on base and went 2-for-12 with runners in scoring position.

Anna, Beltran give NY split with Tampa Bay

BY MARK DITTLER

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Dean Anna wasn't nervous during a key at-bat in extra innings. He was enjoying it.

Anna drew a bases-loaded walk on a full-count pitch with two outs in the 12th inning and Carlos Beltran followed with a two-run single as the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-1 on Sunday.

"I was having fun," Anna said. "Baseball is all about moments, and that was a moment right there."

Yangervis Solarte was walked by Heath Bell (0-1) to open the 12th. After failing twice to bunt against C.J. Riefenhauser, Brett Gardner reached on a fielder's choice and went to third on Brian McCann's two-out single. Jacoby Ellsbury was intentionally walked before Anna checked his swing to complete an eight-pitch at-bat and drive in the go-ahead run.

"Just a tremendous at-bat," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "Tough situation."

Beltran had his hit off Josh Leuke before Alfonso Soriano added an RBI single that made it 5-1.

Preston Claiborne (1-0) went two scoreless innings for the Yankees.

The teams split a wild four-game series. After the Yankees beat David Price and the Rays 10-2 in Thursday's opener, Tampa Bay rebounded for 11-5 and 16-1 victories Friday and Saturday.

Derek Jeter opened the 11th

with a single off Bell. Ichiro Suzuki pinch-ran for Jeter and stole second with one out, but Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon challenged the call and after a 2 minute, 4 second delay the umpires changed the close call to out.

"I'm taking a chance to get a run there," Girardi said. "Ich probably had a better chance of stealing a base. It's a hard decision, but some of the inexperience I have in my bullpen, I went for it that inning."

New York took a 1-0 lead in the fourth when Gardner was given an RBI double after a challenge by Girardi. The umpires first ruled that Rays right fielder Wil Myers had caught Gardner's drive at the wall for the third out. The call was overturned following a 2:17 delay after replays clearly showed Myers caught the ball after it hit off the top of the wall.

Gardner thought an inside-the-park homer might have been in order, but still was happy that replay was used.

"If we don't have it, it would be a flyball," Gardner said.

Tampa Bay tied it at 1-0 in pinch-hitter Matt Joyce's two-out sacrifice fly in the seventh. The Rays capitalized after second baseman Brian Roberts dropped a throw on a force play earlier in the inning.

"We've been swinging the bats so well and today we were just minus," Maddon said. "There's really no solid explanation. I can't stand here and say the Yankees pitched great. We just did not have a good offensive day."

MLB

Pujols powering toward 500th HR

By NOAH TRISTER
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Albert Pujols is closing in on his 500th homer and joining a prestigious club. More important for the Los Angeles Angels, he's looking like his powerful self again.

The 34-year-old Pujols is hitting .280 with six home runs through 75 at-bats this year, an encouraging start following an injury-plagued 2013. The Angels enter a series at Washington with Pujols at 498 career homers.

"There's no doubt, just speaking of the last couple years we've had him here, that this is the best foundation he's had, this is the healthiest he's been," manager Mike Scioscia said. "I think you're starting to see some of the swings he can put on baseballs on a consistent basis. It's been fun to watch."

With Pujols poised to reach 500 homers, it's worth a look at who the next few candidates to approach that milestone might be. Adam Dunn is also 34 and has 443 home runs. He went deep 34 times last year, so a couple more seasons like that would put him over the top.

"I've never been numbers-oriented in my life, and not starting now," Dunn said. "If it comes, it comes. That would be awesome."

Miguel Cabrera just turned 31, and he has 366 homers. He should certainly have a good shot at 500 if he remains healthy and productive. Cabrera and Pujols both started putting up big numbers at a young age — and that's crucial in the chase for a milestone like this.

There are 25 players currently in the 500-homer club, and they averaged 141 homers before turning 26, according to STATS. With that as a baseline, Miami's Giancarlo Stanton is in impressive shape already. He doesn't turn 25 until after this season, and he already has 123 home runs.

Prince Fielder had 163 homers before turning 26. He's up to 287 now — with his 30th birthday coming up next month — but Fielder is hitting .188 for Texas and needs to hope for his power

stroke isn't in serious decline.

Here are five things to watch around the majors this week.

Back in Boston: After signing a \$153 million, seven-year contract with the New York Yankees, Jacoby Ellsbury comes back to Fenway Park to face his former team. Boston hosts the Yankees in a three-game series starting Tuesday. Ellsbury is hitting .338 this season with eight stolen bases.

Marquee matchup: Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox is off to another terrific start, and he'll face Detroit ace Justin Verlander on Tuesday night, part of a four-game series against the Tigers.

Hamels returns: Philadelphia left-hander Cole Hamels, who has been slowed by shoulder discomfort, is slated to make his first start of the season Wednesday night. He'll face right-hander Zack Greinke and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Hitting Hanley: Dodgers shortstop Hanley Ramirez was hit on his left hand by a pitch last week and had to miss the finale of a series with the San Francisco Giants. Los Angeles manager Don Mattingly took notice, saying the Dodgers are ready to protect their players if Ramirez keeps getting hit.

Ramirez has been hit 47 times in his big league career. The Dodgers face the Phillies and Colorado Rockies this week.

The future: Outfielder George Springer, a first-round draft pick for Houston in 2011, made his major league debut with the Astros last week, going 6-for-22 with seven strikeouts. The Astros take on Seattle and Oakland this week.

Stat of the week: Tampa Bay used only seven starting pitchers in both 2009 and 2010, but that kind of stability has been harder to come by lately. The Rays used 10 different starters last year, and they've already had to use seven this season.

With Matt Moore, Alex Cobb and Jeremy Hellickson on the disabled list, the Rays are missing three pitchers expected to be part of their rotation.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Dodgers' Yasiel Puig hits a three-run homer as Diamondbacks catcher Miguel Montero watches during the sixth inning on Sunday. Arizona had intentionally walked Adrian Gonzalez to face Puig.

Roundup

Puig boosts Dodgers to win

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Yasiel Puig made it a very enjoyable 53rd birthday for Los Angeles Dodgers manager Don Mattingly.

Puig hit a three-run homer and threw out a runner at second base, leading Los Angeles over the Arizona Diamondbacks 4-1 Sunday.

Puig connected with two outs following an intentional walk. He flipped his bat after capping a four-run sixth inning against Josh Collmenter (0-2).

"Obviously it was a big hit by Yasiel," Mattingly said. "I was hoping it would get up. I knew it was going to get us another run, so it was a good feeling right away."

The Diamondbacks walked Adrian Gonzalez with two outs to pitch to Puig.

"It's definitely not an easy choice," Arizona catcher Miguel Montero said. "They've got a good lineup from top to bottom, so you have to think about who you have to pitch around because they're all pretty good hitters."

"I thought it was a good pitch that we made on Puig, but he just put a good swing on it. We wanted to come inside on him," he said.

Puig hit a liner over the fence in left-center. He hit 19 homers last season as a rookie after coming up to the Dodgers in June.

Dodgers starter Josh Beckett pitched five innings of one-hit ball, striking out seven and walking two.

Beckett and some of his teammates have been getting intra-vener fluids because of a flu bug that's been going around the clubhouse. He wound up with his third no-decision in three starts, with none of them going past the fifth inning.

The three-time All-Star rightly remained winless since Sept. 30, 2012, when he lost Colorado at Dodger Stadium.

White Sox 16, Rangers 2: Jose Abreu and Jordan Danks each had two-run homers and Erik Johnson combined with three relievers on a two-hitter as visiting Chicago ended a four-game losing streak.

The White Sox went ahead with three unearned runs off Robbie Ross (1-1) in the fifth, including Abreu's fifth homer of the season for a 5-2 lead.

Athletics 4, Astros 1: Josh Donaldson homered and doubled twice to back another solid start by Jesse Chavez, helping the host Athletics complete a series sweep.

Twins 8, Royals 3: Phil Hughes ended a personal losing streak that dated to last July, pitching into the seventh inning and helping the visiting Twins top the Royals to avoid a three-game sweep.

Hughes (1-1), who signed a \$24 million, three-year deal in December, allowed an RBI single to Omar Infante in the fifth and a two-run homer to Alcides Escobar in the seventh while winning for the first time in 17 appearances.

Tigers 2, Angels 1: Rick Porcello pitched seven sharp innings, and the host Tigers took advantage of four errors.

Three of those errors came on one play in the first inning, allowing Detroit's Ian Kinsler to score from first on a walk. Then in the sixth, Angels catcher Hank Conger threw wildly to first trying to pick off Austin Jackson. It was his second error of the game, and Jackson went to second.

Indians 6, Blue Jays 4: David Murphy hit a three-run double in the sixth inning and John Axford worked out of bases-loaded jam in the ninth, lifting the Indians to a win over the Blue Jays.

Cleveland entered the sixth trailing 4-2, but reliever Aaron Loup (1-1) walked the bases loaded before Murphy delivered a line drive past third base that kicked off the stands and caromed into

shallow left field, allowing all three runners to score.

Mets 4, Braves 3: Curtis Granderson hit a sacrifice fly in the 14th inning to help host New York outlast Atlanta and prevent a three-game sweep.

David Wright had four hits and New York took advantage of three early errors by Atlanta, which had won seven of eight. Granderson went 0-for-6 with an error and was booted all afternoon, but turned those jeers to cheers at the end of a long day.

Reds 8, Cubs 2: Homer Bailey pitched six scoreless innings for his first win of the season and Jay Bruce homered and doubled as Cincinnati won for the 17th time in its last 19 games at Wrigley Field.

Zack Cozart hit a two-run homer for Cincinnati, which took two of three this weekend from the Cubs.

Giants 4, Padres 3: Buster Posey hit a two-run home run and Tim Lincecum earned his first victory of the season for visiting San Francisco, which had only three hits in ending a three-game losing streak.

Padres pitchers retired 23 of the final 24 batters and the Giants didn't get a hit after the second inning.

Phillies 10, Rockies 9: Jimmy Rollins homered early, then hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning that sent visiting Philadelphia past Colorado.

Rollins finished with three hits as the Phillies avenged a series sweep. Ryan Howard added four hits, including a homer and triple while driving in three runs.

Marlins 3, Mariners 2: Adeiny Hechavarria hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth inning after an instant replay went in host Miami's favor and the Marlins completed a three-game sweep.

Mike Dunn (1-2) picked up the win in relief.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Angels slugger Albert Pujols looks skyward after his solo home run during the ninth inning against the Tigers on Saturday.

Duncan carries Spurs past Mavs

NBA

Nene dominates as Wizards top Bulls

Brazilian scores 24 points in upset of fourth-seeded Chicago

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nene started thinking about how it would all unfold in the middle of the night. No way could he have scripted it any better than this.

Nene dominated with 24 points, Trevor Ariza scored 18, and the Washington Wizards rallied from 13 down to beat the Chicago Bulls 102-93 in their playoff opener on Sunday night.

John Wall scored 16 in his postseason debut. Marcin Gortat added 15 points and 13 rebounds, and the fifth-seeded Wizards pulled out the victory even though they looked like they were ready to be blown out.

They cut a 13-point deficit to one in the third and trailed by three going into the fourth, before outscoring Chicago 18-6 over the final six minutes to come out on top in their first playoff appearance since 2008.

"We had a team dinner, and after that, in the middle of the night I started thinking about what I'm going to do," Nene said. "How I'm going to defend. ... Things like that. It's a good feeling."

Game 2 is Tuesday in Chicago. Nene was locked in from the opening tip, dunking on the game's first possession and scoring eight points in the first six minutes, and the Wizards turned it on down the stretch.

Gortat's layup started the decisive run, and Ariza gave the

Wizards an 88-87 lead when he hit a pair of free throws with 4:17 remaining. Jimmy Butler tied it for Chicago with one of his own, but a layup by Gortat and basket by Nene made it 92-88, and Washington hung on after Chicago's Joakim Noah cut it to two on a tip-in with 2:11 left.

Gortat hit two free throws and added a jumper with 34 seconds left to make it a six-point game, and the Wizards took the early lead in the best-of-seven series.

Washington shot 49 percent and outrebounded Chicago 45-39 with Nene setting the tone inside. He hit 11 of 17 shots and grabbed eight rebounds.

Andre Miller came on strong down the stretch, scoring eight of his 10 points in the fourth, and the Wizards pulled this one out even though Wall and Bradley Beal (13 points) combined to shoot just 7 of 25.

Kirk Hinrich and D.J. Augustin each scored 16 points, and Butler had 15. But after posting more wins since Jan. 1 than any other Eastern Conference team, the Bulls find themselves in a hole.

"There are a lot of things you can do to help your team win. We're capable of playing a lot better," coach Tom Thibodeau said.

The Bulls led by 13 early in the third and were up 69-57 midway through the quarter when the Wizards went on a 13-2 run to make it a one-point game.

Ariza's three-pointer cut it to 71-70 with 3:32 remaining. Noah



PHOTOS BY NAM Y. HUH/AP

Washington Wizards forward Nene, above left, guards Bulls forward Carlos Boozer during Game 1 of their opening-round playoff series in Chicago on Sunday. Below, Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau reacts to a call during the second half. The Wizards rallied from a 13-point deficit to win 102-93.



‘There are a lot of things you can do to help your team win. We’re capable of playing a lot better.’

Tom Thibodeau
Chicago Bulls coach

answered with a layup and Taj Gibson hit two free throws to make it a five-point game, but a basket by Miller made it a three-point game going into the fourth.

The Bulls took a 54-48 lead to the locker room after a strong second quarter. Augustin drove for a three-point play with just

over a minute left to finish the first-half scoring and start a 13-3 run that stretched into the third quarter and made it 64-51.

"Up 13, we exhaled and they came back," Noah said. "Bad turnovers. They got some easy scores. We got to make our adjustments. This is chess. It isn't checkers."

Blazers edge Rockets in OT

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — LaMarcus Aldridge was playing on another level Sunday night and had the emotional intensity to match the best performance of his career.

Portland's star was hungry after missing the playoffs the last two seasons and wanted to show his teammates that getting to the postseason was simply not enough.

Aldridge scored a career-high and franchise playoff-record 46 points and Damian Lillard added 31, including the go-ahead free throws in overtime, to lift the Trail Blazers to a 122-120 victory over the Houston Rockets in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

"I've been here and I've went through this process and I understand it and I just think tonight was one of those nights," Aldridge said.

Aldridge fouled out with about a minute left in overtime and Lillard, who was making his playoff debut, took over. He scored

Did you know

Portland forward LaMarcus Aldridge scored a career-high and franchise playoff-record 46 points on Sunday.



SOURCE: The Associated Press

the next five points for Portland and put the Trail Blazers on top by one point with a pair of free throws with 17 seconds left. Joel Freeland made one of two free throws seconds later to give the Blazers the win in their first trip to the postseason since 2011.

Lillard said seeing the intensity of Aldridge helped him raise his

level of play.

"As far as the passion I don't think I've ever seen him like that," Lillard said. "I saw how bad he wanted to win the game. When you've got your best player playing like that it fires you up."

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Houston.

Aldridge, who was playing in his home state, also had 18 rebounds and two blocks.

"He's been a handful for us all year long," Houston coach Kevin McHale said. "We just didn't have any answers for him."

James Harden and Dwight Howard each scored 27 points for Houston, and Howard grabbed 15 rebounds.

Houston could have tied it, but Harden missed a short jump shot at the buzzer. He had missed a 3-pointer on Houston's second-to-last possession.

"I've got to play better," Harden said. "I didn't shoot the ball well. ... I've got to shake it off, but it will be better in Game 2."



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

The Rockets' Dwight Howard reacts after missing a free throw during overtime in Game 1 of an opening-round playoff series against the Trail Blazers on Sunday in Houston. Portland won 122-120 in overtime. Howard was 9-for-17 on free throws.

SPORTS



Sharks attack

San Jose puts Kings in 2-0 hole
after rout | **NHL Playoffs, Pages 24-25**

Show of strength

Boston Marathon run under tight security

By BOB SALSBERG
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The Associated Press

BOSTON — With security tight along the 26.2-mile course, nearly 36,000 runners set out from the Boston Marathon starting line Monday in a "Boston Strong" show of resilience a year after the bombing that turned the race into a scene of carnage.

To the delight of many in the crowd, an American won the men's division for the first time in more than three decades, dominating a field that included many athletes who were prevented from finishing last year.

"I showed up,
I'm back, and

'I think I'm going to start crying at the starting line and I'm not sure I'll stop until I cross the finish line.'

Katie O'Donnell
Boston Marathon runner

I am going to finish what I didn't finish last year," said Mary Cunningham, 50, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who was stopped a mile short of the finish line by the explosions

on April 15, 2013.

The two pressure-cooker bombs that went off near the finish line killed three people and wounded more than 260 in a hellish spectacle of torn limbs, smoke and broken glass.

Police were deployed in force along the route, with helicopters circling above and bomb-sniffing dogs checking through trash cans. Officers were posted on roofs.

Boston Marathon race director Dave McGillivray said it had been a long and difficult year.

"We're taking back our race," he said. "We're taking back the finish line."

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American Meb Keflezighi leads the pack as the elite men's runners compete near the start of the 118th Boston Marathon on Monday in Hopkinton, Mass. Keflezighi became the first American man to win the race since Greg Meyer in 1983.

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